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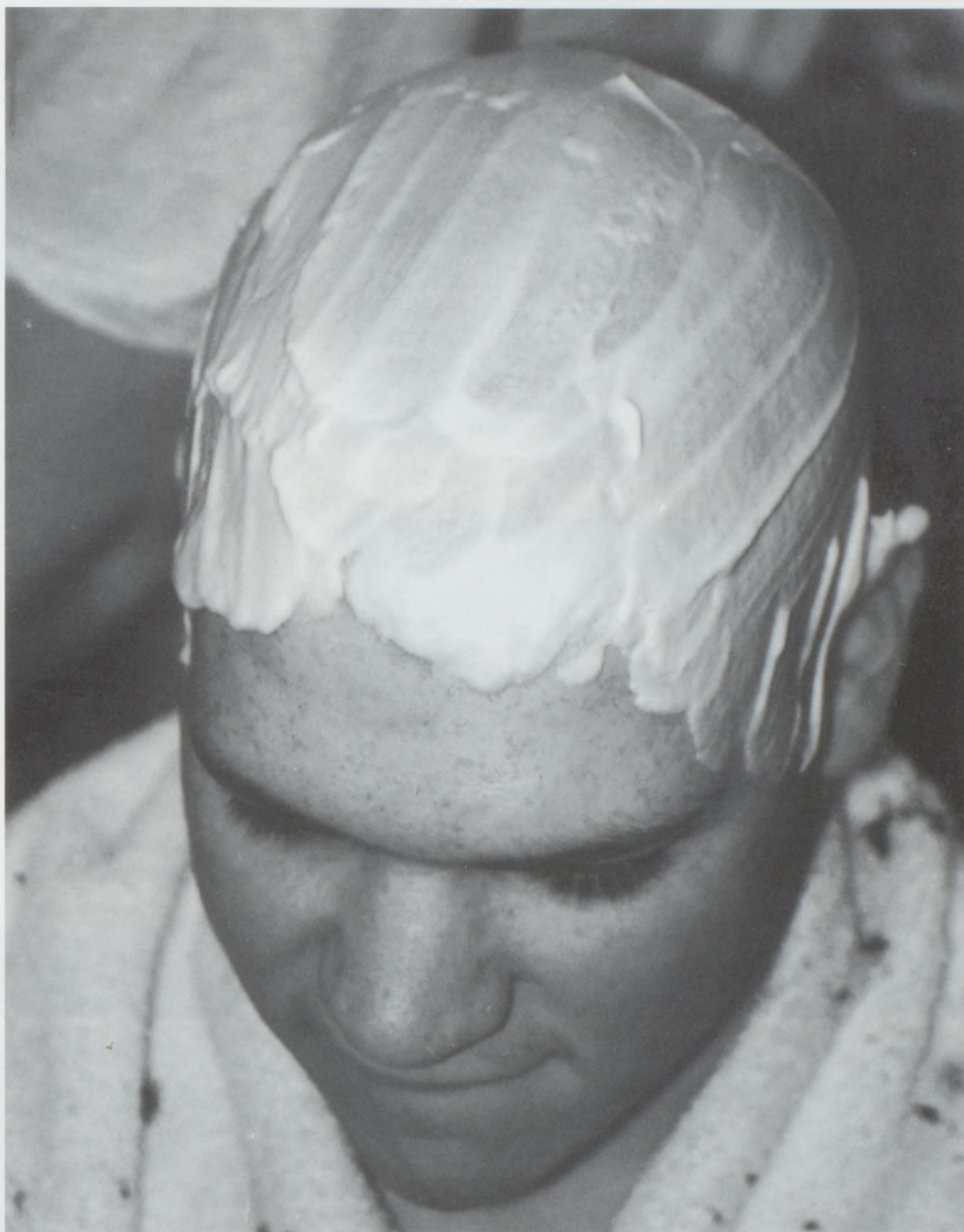
The year
was full of all sorts of UPROARs. The raucous
began in the summer when a mesocyclone ripped through
the town and tore off parts of the school roof on the second story and
off both gyms. Since it tore down the lights and scoreboard on the football field,
the school replaced them with bigger and better equipment. The field also became
more of a stadium when a brick entrance and a sign naming the stadium were added.
Mother Nature gave birth to the original UPROAR, but we started our own when we moved
up to the Central Iowa Metro League, forcing us to put forth our best to compete with the
big boys and girls. Some of us may have clobbered our opponents and some may have
wanted to hide the defeats, but we still showed our Dragon pride. Along with jumpin'
up in the sports world, we concentrated on academics and sat in math and science
classes for an hour-and-a-half, interrogating our teachers about why we started
using block scheduling and how finals for these classes would work.
We started falling asleep in some classes when the block
period seemed to drag on forever...

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Navigating the scalp

Waiting for the razor, junior Ben Flannery prepares for another shave for the state swimming meet in Iowa City after already shaving his entire body a week earlier for districts. The team decided that Flannery shaved off the most hair, had the smoothest head after shaving and had the most regrowth the morning after being buzzed. The boys' swim team placed eighth at state. *photo by Marcus Iwig*

Hitting a "C"

Bustin' out the song "Wrong Way" by Sublime, senior Adam Haug plays for a small crowd during one of junior Andy Bro's parties. *photo by Jennifer White*



Tasty morsels

Enjoying a Japanese meal, sophomore Laura Warren sits down with her Japanese student, Miuiyki Mashima. "I liked some of the food, but I didn't know what all of it was. There was some rice, pasta and sushi, I think," said Warren. The Japanese students stayed for five days before flying to Los Angeles to visit the city. *photo by Megan Stetson*



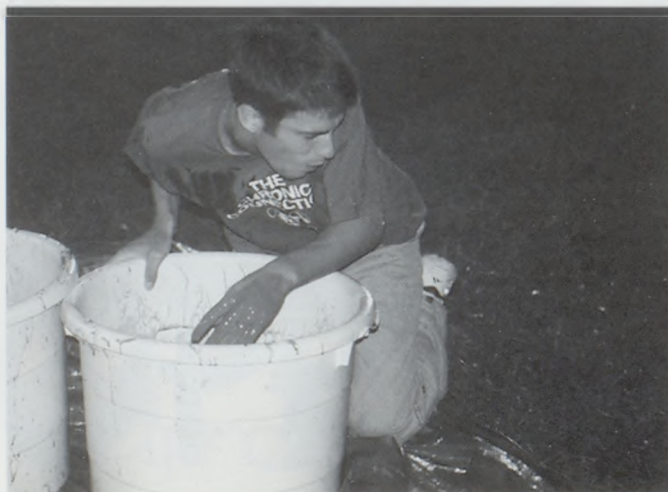
Diamonds and beads

Grinning from ear to ear, senior Megan Lehman slow dances with her date, senior John Roarick, after being crowned prom queen. *photo by Sarah Sauber*



Welcoming all ideas

Digging into her plans for a new parking lot, sophomore Alanna Allen writes down her opinions. Students were required to fill out all sections of the three-day problem solving activity. *photo by Tara McGowan*



Chocolate chronic

Trying to find a ping-pong ball, sophomore Josten Foley slops around in the pudding at Rock Around the Clock. *photo by M. Collignon*



Turn like this

Adjusting to the Mullica photographer's instructions, junior Cory Campbell and freshman Felisa Hansen pose for a picture at Winter Formal. *photo by Alyssa Ranney*



..... **Hardcore "gangstas"**

Decked out for decade day during Homecoming week, junior Matt Skeens, senior Shane Foster and juniors Jason Kohles and John Fiala become gangsters and alti's for a day. "I dressed up as an 80's rapper to show school spirit, but also just for something fun to do," said Fiala.

photo by Michelle Collignon

RAISING A RAUCOUS

Social Life Division

SPREAD BY JENNIFER WHITE



..... **Floating across the sky**

Hitchin' a ride at Sleepy Hollow Sports Park, freshman Jacob Van Oort rests while skiing at the P.E. field trip. *photo by L. Cabrera*



..... **Walking in the purple reign**

Strolling up to the side doors, juniors Russell Karloff and Emily Sloan linger outside before going into the Homecoming dance which was held in the old gym. *photo by Matt Ring*



..... **In the back forty**

As a member of S.A.D.D., sophomore Katie Flatt ties a red ribbon on another student's car. Members tied ribbons on cars to remind students about the dangers of drinking and driving. *photo by Megan Stetson*

Rewind

• *June 5, Dotfest 2.* Some of the bands included Everclear, The Urge, Marcy's Playground and Big Bad Voodoo Daddy.

• *June 7,* A series of Pioneer greenhouses went up in flames causing approximately \$3.5 million in damage.

• *June 28,* The Chicago Bulls won their seventh NBA Championship by defeating the Utah Jazz.

• *July 29,* The Coral Ridge Mall opened near Iowa City. It is the biggest mall in Iowa with over 100 stores, 20 food outlets, an ice skating rink, carousel and a soft foam play area.

• *August 8,* Graduate Kyla Kiester was the first Johnston graduate to be inducted into the Iowa Girls' Softball Hall of Fame.

• *August 8,* STAR advisor Mr. Robb Boley and Spanish teacher Ms. Shelly Pflughaupt got married.

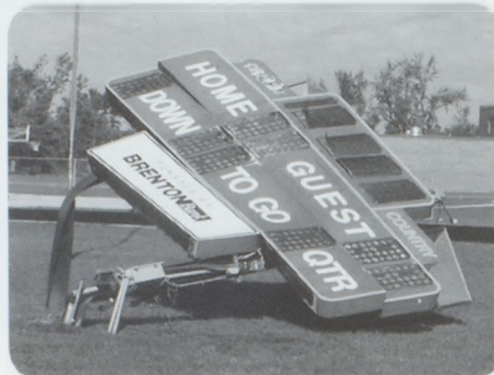
• *August 12,* The Johnston Senior League Softball All-Stars were third-time state champs, regional champs and placed second in the central region division, which was one game short of the Little League World Series.

spread by Flannery, Wells and Norton

Twisting Troubles

A tornado ripped through town and damaged the school

all photos by Michelle Norton



On June 29 around 1 p.m., a mesocyclone hit Johnston and surrounding areas. The school building and the sport facilities suffered severe damage from the tornado. The scoreboard on the football field was torn apart and collapsed from the violent winds. Due to the abuse, a number of major leaks developed in the school's roof, leaving standing water on classroom and gymnasium floors.

Several telephone poles were left damaged in the front of the school. The lines were stretched over the road up and down 62nd Avenue, closing a section of it until the poles could be fixed. The workers repaired the downed power lines and had power restored within 48 hours. "The city estimates approximately \$1.6 million in tree loss alone," said Jim Sanders, city administrator.



Surveying the damage, seniors Andy Westcott and Tim Walker look at the tornado's impact on the visitors' dugout. "I was pitching against Dowling and the sky started to turn some funny colors," said sophomore Nathan Gerger. "The next thing I knew they were making us run to the school. I didn't quite make it and found myself picked up (by the strong winds) and carried to the middle school."

Getting the best angle, junior Micaelah Morrill video tapes an uprooted tree in the Green Meadows green belt. "It amazed me that the wind was so powerful and yet no one got hurt," said Morrill. Hundreds of trees were destroyed with Granger, Jester Park and the Hyperion Country Club getting hit the hardest. More than 500 trees were destroyed throughout Jester Park, shutting the park down for 11 days.



Future prep

Carrying third grader Jill Swoyer on her shoulders, junior Angela Jennings strolls through Blank Park Zoo. Jennings babysat over the summer to gain experience and earn money. "I want to be a teacher," said Jennings. "So babysitting helps me learn the rights and wrongs of dealing with children." photo by Michelle Norton



Escaping the heat

Playing Chicken at the Pool at the Meadows, sophomore Chris Goode and junior Jason Kohles fight juniors Kai Carlson and Chris Uchytel. A group of boys met every Tuesday night at Crown Point to play Ultimate Frisbee. "One night we were playing and it was super hot. Since Kohles works at the pool, he let us all hop in and cool off after the frisbee game. The volleyball team was having practice (at the sand volleyball court) and we asked if they wanted to swim with us too," said Goode. "We played Chicken and dove off the board. (Coach Rick) Brooks even did a flip off the board." photo by M. Norton



Final farewell

Freshman Danny Norton gets ready to say "good-bye" to his pet raccoon, Macey. "We were at my grandparents' farm for Easter and found four baby raccoons. We didn't want Grandpa to kill them, so Dad let us take them home, thinking they wouldn't live," said Norton. "We fed them every couple of hours with an eye dropper until gradually, they ate everything from Cheetos to marshmallows. Only one died and we raised the others for almost four months. My mom tracked down a lady who raises orphaned raccoons and then releases them. It was a unique experience. It's cool to know that three raccoons are alive because of us." photo by Michelle Norton

Sizzling Music

In three months, many songs hit the charts. Here are just a few:

Still the One	Shania Twain
I Want You Back	'N Sync
Everybody	Backstreet Boys
Du Hast	Rammstein
One Week	Barenaked Ladies
I Don't Want to Miss a Thing	Aerosmith
Jump, Jive n' Wail	Brian Setzer Orchestra
Game Is to Be	Snoop Doggy Dog
The Way	Fastball
Iris	Goo Goo Dolls
Just the Two of Us	Will Smith
This is How We Party	S.O.A.P.

So, where'd ya go all summer?



"I went to Michigan for my cousin's graduation open house. I don't see them very often, so it was fun to hang out with them."

~Alana Brown, '02

"I went on vacation to Key West with my dad. We cruised around the island on waverunners and also rented mopeds. I went out on my own and got pulled over for doing 35 mph in a 25. That was the only bad thing that happened all week."







~ Matt Berens, '01

Crunching Lunch Accounts

Chowing down

Chomping into his apple, senior Nate Smock enjoys his school food. Hot meal lunch prices were raised 35 cents due to an increase in manpower and in order to provide students with more food choices. "I had no idea about the prices in the cafeteria raising until I noticed a huge drop in my account after the first week of school," said Smock. photo by Michelle Norton



PRICES	THEN	NOW
	25¢	30¢
	25¢	30¢
	50¢	65¢
	50¢	75¢

"I think Clinton shouldn't be impeached for an affair. If Hillary wasn't doing her 'job' then more power to him. Sadly, I think he will be impeached." ~ Megan Evans, senior

"Let him have his own sex life - most of us wish we could. He shouldn't be impeached for having an affair. That's a personal matter that shouldn't be publicized." ~ Andy Bro, junior

"I think Clinton should be impeached because they are talking more about the Monica Lewinsky issue instead of focusing on the government." ~ Chris Castellano, sophomore

"I think Clinton is going to be impeached out of jealousy from other politicians. They don't get as much action as him. However, he is my idol and I would not like to see him impeached." ~ Ryan King, freshman

The President

Let me say this again. I did not have sexual relations with that woman!
-Bill Clinton



"I think Clinton should be impeached because he committed adultery. If it was anyone else in office, they would have been fired. He's a role model and represents our country. For him to do this makes our country look like a joke." ~ Rachel Bridges, senior

"Clinton is a liar - he should be impeached. If he did it once, he'll do it again. Hopefully, he'll resign. After all, he's too much of a wimp to take the pressure." ~ Mara Weigel, junior

"Clinton doesn't belong in office. He had an affair and is a liar. Since he's our role model, do we really want to promote what he's doing?" ~ Jonathan Overbeck, sophomore

"Clinton should be impeached because he did a bad deed, but I think he will stay in office after everything." ~ Matt Thomas, freshman

Back-To-School MUST HAVES



Scented car fresheners were a favorite among students for sporting a clean and fresh smelling car on the first day of school. The more the merrier!



Hooded Old Navy fleeces were worn by students when the fluctuating temperatures of the classrooms were near freezing point.



Funky watches sported by students had to be set five minutes ahead in order to correlate with the fast school clocks.

Wifebeaters and tank tops were a common sight with both the "muscle-heads" and students warding off the heat in rooms which were temporarily lacking air conditioning.



all photos taken by Nicole Frank



Gimp Sightings

Invalids roamed the hall and crowded the elevators

While turning left onto 62nd Avenue from 86th Street, junior **Erin Samson** suddenly smashed into a head-on collision. Although her car was totalled and she was unconscious at the time, she was fortunately left with only

torn ligaments and tendons in her right foot. She was on crutches for four



weeks. Also sentenced to a grueling term of two months on crutches was freshman **Kent Wisecup** who, during football practice, broke

his femur. Practices also proved to be a risk

for injury when junior **Ashley Bengard** collided with teammate senior Michelle Norton, leaving Bengard with a swollen black eye. "Picture day

was in two days so I decided to skip them because my eye was so bad," said Bengard. Senior **Troy Trobaugh** missed his whole football



season due to a torn ACL reoccurrence from a summer basketball match. "Besides missing the whole football season, my injury was a nuisance when it came to getting around school. There were

always huge lines at the elevator," said Trobaugh. Sophomore **Joe Smeltzer** broke his leg while racing on his dirt bike. Like the other unfortunate students who had to roam the halls in pain, he was apt for an embarrassing moment. "On a rainy day, I walked into school and fell flat on my face when my wet crutches slipped in front of me," said Smeltzer.



Rewind

- Enrollment in the high school increased by 90 students compared to last year.

- *September 1*, Millions of people all over the U.S. flocked to video stores to swipe a copy of *Titanic* which was released at 12:00 a.m.

- *September 4*, The athletic department put up a new \$28,500 scoreboard, replacing the one destroyed in the June 29 tornado.



photo by Deena Gowdy

- *September 9*, Congress voted by a margin of 363-63 to release the Kenneth Starr report to the general public.

- *September 11*, A new McDonald's opened on 86th Street in Johnston at 6:00 a.m. Seniors Andy Briggs and Dennis Dane arrived at 5:45 a.m. in order to be the first ones served.

- *September 22*, Mark McGwire exceeded Roger Maris' record of 62 home runs. He finished with 70 while Sammy Sosa ended with 66 home runs.

SEPTEMBER

Rewind

•Purple Reign was the homecoming theme.

•Monday: Pajama day
Tuesday: Decade day
Wednesday: Dress-up day
Thursday: Camouflage day
Friday: Spirit day

•Homecoming Queen and King were Amy Palmer and Kyle Campbell. Senior attendants were Lacey Corcoran, Rita Fiala, Nicole Frank, Dan Armstrong, Chris Dickey and Lance Routson.

•Junior attendants were Danielle Markel and Andy Sundblad. Sophomore attendants were Lindsey and Jared Haag. Freshmen were Lindsay Townsend and Micah Gerger.

•The senior class had the winning float. The sophomores won second, the freshmen won third and the juniors placed last.

•Pit Crew was the winning Rock Around the Clock team. Members included sophomore Terese Arnott, junior Nic Scherer and seniors Kyle Campbell, Lacey Corcoran, Adam Lewis, Michelle Norton, Katie Weisz, Brody Wells and Ben Wissink.

•Urbandale won the football game 42-8.

spread by Michelle Collignon and Melissa Miller



Reigning Above

Students joined together in a spirit-filled week

While seniors T.P. the school, senior Dan Echtenkamp draws on the cement with chalk. Echtenkamp said, "The best part was when we T.P.ed before we were suppose to and the cops came." photo by Michelle Norton



"There was a rumor that T.P.ing was supposed to last until 1:00 a.m., but we were stopped at 11:30. We were all tired anyway. Someone brought a sling shot and people were shooting toilet paper high into the air with it."

~Aaron Atkinson, '99

Freshmen Katie Peterson and Holly Heckman dance at homecoming. Peterson said, "I think it's weird that people spend so much money on dresses. I just borrowed one." photo by Matt Ring



"The dance was fun, but I thought the music was old and I didn't like it. I thought it was going to be really formal, but it wasn't a big deal. I was dressed up just as much as everyone else, but some only came in khakis."

~Rachel Johnson, '02

Running to a pudding can, sophomore Nathan Fry gets ready to spit out a golf ball and tag his next team mate. This was one of the 12 games at Rock Around the Clock. photo by Alyssa Ranney



"I liked the game at Rock Around the Clock where we passed the orange with our necks. That game was about the closest I got to the girls that night. We only won four games, but that was because the other teams were disqualified."

~Clint Meek, '00

As junior Ashley Bengard crowns the queen at coronation, senior Amy Palmer gasps in surprise while other senior attendants Nicole Frank and Lance Routson look on. photo by Michelle Collignon



"It was fun being chosen as a homecoming attendant. I thought it was kind of weird being with my brother, but it was okay. My favorite part was being in the parade because we got to throw candy to the little kids."

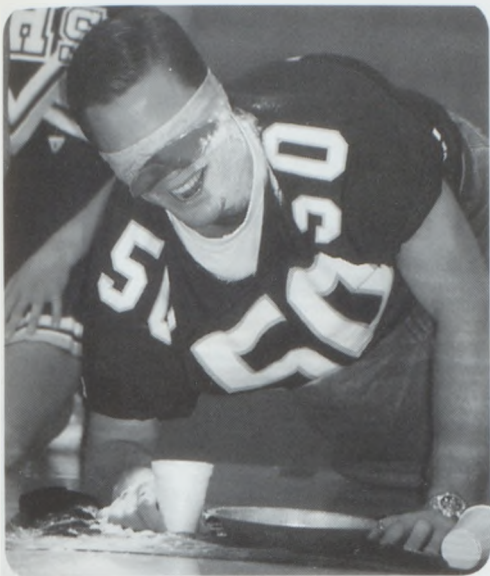
~Lindsey Haag, '01

Senior Zach Parsons reads to a first grade class at Lawson. Students who were involved with athletics were asked to read to younger students during homecoming week. photo by Michelle Norton



"I went to Wallace to read to the second graders during homecoming week. The athletic office asked me to go over there since I was on the swim team. I thought it was a good experience and the kids liked it too."

~Chelsea Hughes, '00



• Unexpected treat

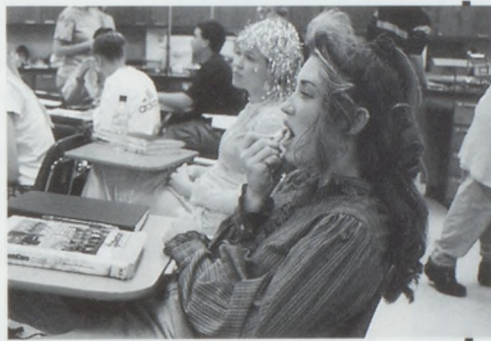
• Senior Nate Lynch is surprised after having flour thrown in his face at the homecoming pep assembly. Senior football players were asked to go down to the floor by the cheerleaders and Danz team. They were then told to get ten gummy bears out of a dish with their mouth and then place them in a glass of water while blindfolded. "I had no idea what they (the cheerleaders and Danz team) had done," said Lynch. "They told me to look up so they could see my face and I felt something hit me in the face. I had a weird taste in my mouth, but I didn't know what it was." photo by Michelle Collignon



All Dressed Up



Dancing close. Freshman Alison Obermayer and senior Brenton Gray dance during a slow song at homecoming. Obermayer and Gray went to eat at Imperial Garden with a group of friends beforehand. "The dance was pretty much what I expected and there were a lot of people there. It was a lot like my eighth grade graduation dance," said Obermayer. photo by Matt Ring



Reapplying. Putting on her bright pink lipstick, junior Alyssa Smith listens to Mrs. Stephanie Wilson talk about a lab. Smith said, "I always thought people from the eighties on T.V. looked funny so I decided to be just like them on decade day." Smith was the winner of that day. She won free tickets to the homecoming dance. photo by Michelle Collignon

Cutting chicken wire, junior Betsy Sanders begins the process of forming the dragon on the junior float. Over \$100 and many hours of labor were spent on the float in order to finish in time for the parade. Junior Anne Peterman said, "I thought our float was more creative than the others. The seniors' looked like a mouse, not a dragon." Junior Grant Patterson and Peterman both agreed that it was a good experience to work with other people they didn't usually talk to. Patterson said, "We were lucky to get seven people together to help on it, so thinking of it that way I guess I'm not so disappointed we got last place."

photo by Melissa Miller

"It was a nice experience and opportunity for me to be in the parade. It served as more of an opportunity for the public to get to see who I am. Overall, the week was positive and each organization did a nice job with the activities."

~Mr. Bruce Hukee, principal

photo by Michelle Collignon



"When I was crowd surfing I got yelled at by (Mr. Marty) Harswick and was told to leave and I did. I thought the dance was pretty fun for the half that I was there for. I thought the music was better than all of the other dances."

~Braxton Harmon, '99

"(At Rock Around the Clock) we had to stick our face in a pie tin and get a gummy worm out with our mouth. It was hard because I kept inhaling the whipped cream and I had to keep stopping."

~Angela Smith, '00



also pictured Mrs. Julie Hukee and kids Jenna and Jacob photo by M. Collignon



photo by Matt Ring

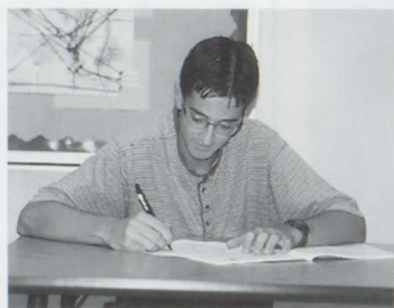
ITED's

100 guys and 100 girls were surveyed to obtain these results

For the majority of the time, do you try to answer the questions correctly?

Girls	Yes	78%
	No	22%

Guys	Yes	73%
	No	27%



Thinking hard

Carefully filling in the ovals with his No. 2 pencil, junior Chris Uchytel finishes the quantitative thinking portion of the ITED's (Iowa Tests of Educational Development). Students took these tests in their designated homeroom classes. *photo by Megan Stetson*

Feel the funk

Displaying her costume, senior Erin Derby shows off her dancing skills at the Halloween dance after the last home football game. The dance was sponsored by Student Council and cost \$2 per person or \$1 if they wore a costume. "For the Halloween dance, (senior) Nicole Frank and I wanted to draw attention to ourselves so we dressed up as Cher and Ty from *Clueless*," said Derby. "We started by going through Nicole's closet and putting together the weirdest items. Then we went to Osco and bought a fake pager and cellular phone. I had so many accessories and clothes that I stripped as the dance went on." *photo by Amelia Groetsch*



Ethnic interests

Showing her foreign exchange student Naoko Tanaka around the Botanical Center, junior Greta Davis examines the flower that Tanaka has selected. Davis said, "I wanted to host a Japanese student so I could learn more about her culture and customs." *photo by Megan Stetson*



Communicating

Foreign exchange student Mina Yabana explains to sophomore Chaundra Smith what the Japanese food is made of. Translation was an obstacle exchange students and their hosts had to overcome. *photo by Amelia Groetsch*

Leslie McAtee, '99 Dan Knight, '02

“ I learned (from my Japanese student) that they don't have a lot of sugary foods in Japan. They also worry about what they weigh, because if you're obese in Japan, you're considered a disgrace to your entire family. ”

“ I took my student to (senior) Kelly Wilges' birthday party and at first she was really bored because she didn't know what kind of things we did at parties. But then, (senior) Chris Ceretti took her and taught her to swing dance. She totally got into it and was going nuts. ”

Late night performance

Sophomore Austin Sapienza sings "Earth Angel" by The Penguins at Scornovacca's Pizza while his brother, '93 graduate Brendan, plays guitar in the background. He played on Halloween night with his band, the Horrowshow Hoods. Other members of the band included freshmen Adam Horning and Jason Junge, sophomore Katie McLaughlin and senior Phil Gauthier. Gauthier felt the concert went well. "I never expected that our band would be able to put on a show where so many people came just to see us play," said Gauthier. Two other bands from Johnston also played at Scornovacca's Pizza on Friday, October 31: Whoremans and Nuclear Kicks. *photo by Jen White*





Supporting Soberness

Red Ribbon Week promoted drug and alcohol awareness

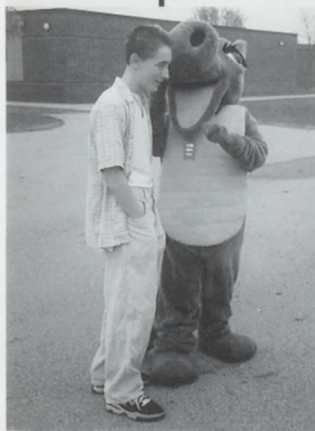


"It's important that teachers wear ribbons and show support and set an example. It helps when kids ask why they're wearing them and teachers relay information to raise awareness in class."

~Anne Giusto, '00

"Proud to be Drug Free"

Anne Giusto puts a pin in a red ribbon before she places it in a teacher's mailbox Tuesday morning before school started. Red ribbons were passed out and worn in all the schools in the district. photo by Megan Stetson



"I thought the most important thing we did during Red Ribbon Week was going to the elementary schools and telling the little kids not to drink and drive. I think we really taught them something."

~Mike Skinner, '00

Lending an ear

Mike Skinner listens to senior Sarah Meston, who is dressed as J.D. the Dragon, while she tells him what to say to the kids at Wallace Elementary. They also handed out licorice to the students and taught them drug awareness. photo by Megan Stetson

"My favorite Red Ribbon Week activity was the Grim Reaper because people were more interested in it than other things. It was funny too, because girls would scream when we came into the room."

~Jill McCleary, '99

Starting strong

Tying a red ribbon on the antenna of a car, Maggie Marcucci promotes drug and alcohol awareness among students and teachers. This event launched Red Ribbon Week, which took place the 23rd-30th. photo by Amelia Groetsch



Dead for a day

As she looks at senior Sarah Meston, the Grim Reaper, Jill McCleary explains to freshman Rick Dawson why she pulled him from class. This activity showed how drunk driving deaths affect the student body. photo by Megan Stetson



Rewind

•October 2, A vending machine was installed in the student commons. This was promised by senior Nate Butzen when he became student body president last spring.

•October 16, Tickets to the 'N Sync concert went on sale and sold out in seven minutes.

•October 17, Sophomore students took the PLAN test while other students took the PSAT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test) to prepare for future standardized tests such as the ACT and the SAT.

•October 22, Remnants of a methamphetamine lab were discovered near Beaver Creek. One other lab had been found in the same area in the past.

•October 23, On 10-23 at 6:02 a.m., Mrs. Stephanie Wilson's chemistry classes celebrated Mole Day by meeting at Perkins on Merle Hay Road for breakfast. A mole is a unit of measurement that uses the formula 6.02×10^{23} .

•October 29, John Glenn was the oldest person in history to travel in space. He and his crew were in space for ten days aboard the shuttle *Discovery*.

OCTOBER

Rewind

• *November 3*, Democrat Tom Vilsack defeated Republican Jim Ross Lightfoot in the governor election. It was the first time a Democrat had been elected as governor of Iowa since 1966. Vilsack won 53% of the votes.

• *November 6*, Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich resigned because the Republican party lost seats in the off-year election.

• *November 10*, The first big storm of the season hit Iowa with winds reaching up to 78 mph. 3-4,000 residents lost electricity due to fallen power lines.

• *November 10*, Prince Charles of Wales launched his own Web site consisting of 354 Web pages and 250 photos. He invited all those on the internet to surf the site at www.princeofwales.gov.uk.

• *November 23*, University of Iowa football coach, Hayden Fry, called it quits after 20 years of coaching the Hawkeyes.

• Top songs of the month according to Billboard charts were *Hooch* by Everything, *Crush* by Jennifer Paige, *Lullaby* by Shawn Mullins and *I'll Be* by Edwin McCain.

spread by Lisette Cabrera



Disruptive Days

Many interruptions left the month in a blur



photo by Michelle Norton

Leadership Retreat. November 5-7

Senior John Good prepares to hurl the ball to a teammate during a leisurely football game at the Leadership Retreat. The retreat opened many doors and allowed students to get to know others. "I got to meet a lot of people that I never even knew went to Johnston," said senior Sarah Morris. "And it was a good time to get better acquainted with the people I was already friends with."

State Volleyball. November 13

Shouting and dancing, seniors Zach Parsons and Josh Hildreth along with junior Barret Tucker root for the girls volleyball team during the state tournament in Cedar Rapids. This was the second consecutive year the team went to state. "I wanted to support them. It was cool seeing the Five Seasons Center (where the competition was held) and seeing them win their first match," said junior Steve Rude.



photo by Ally Maas

Journalism Convention. November 19-22

Sophomore Jen Wiley wraps senior Nicole Frank's hair in strips of a hotel towel. The two yearbook staff members along with others from the newspaper and yearbook staffs attended the convention in Washington D.C. "It was nice to get away from school and the normal routine for a while," said newspaper editor junior Spencer Wise. "It was cool getting to talk to the professional journalists I got to meet."



photo by Michelle Norton

All-State Competition. November 20-21

Concentrating on her music, senior Melissa Tometich practices for All-State auditions. Tometich was one of the twelve students who went to the All-State competition. The singers traveled up to Ames where they rehearsed before performing Saturday night. "We rehearsed for three days," said senior Rory Flynn. "Everybody sang together, all 600 or so of us."



photo by Marcus Iwig

Thanksgiving Break. November 26-27

After a day of fishing, sophomore Rick Meade shows off his catch. "I went to Missouri with my parents and went trout fishing all weekend," said Meade. Many took off to visit family and friends for the holiday, but those who stayed enjoyed the extremely nice warm weather. The sun was out and the skies were clear for both of the two days off from school.



photo by Dawn Meade

chow down

Tired of turkey and dressing? Here are some local restaurants that students turned to when the Thanksgiving dinner became too much.



- * Atmosphere: nice, yet informal.
- * Offers everything from mozzarella sticks to 12 oz. sirloin steak.
- * "The food was good and I got a lot of it."

-Micah Gerger, freshman



- * Atmosphere: fun, casual, warm.
- * Legendary Pit BBQ - chicken, pork, ribs, and sandwiches - the "Home of the Big Slab."
- * "The food is good and you get a lot for the price."

-Jessica Hainline, freshman



All photos by Lisette Cabrera

- * Atmosphere: 50's style, casual, fun.
- * Known for pouring malts on customers' heads and their good, ole-fashioned burgers.
- * "My friends and I always go there. The shakes are the best in town."

-Kristin Demanett, sophomore

- * Atmosphere: very casual, includes coffee house, simple yet fun.
- * Browse their CD selection before ordering a light meal or a large portion of pasta or steak.
- * "It's a good atmosphere and a fun Christian place to hang out."

-Mark Wagner, sophomore



zoom in

on juniors Bailey Hufford & Vicki Holmertz

What are you thankful for?

"I'm thankful for my friends because I wouldn't be who I am today if it wasn't for them. They help me make decisions and are always there for me."

Ellen Schoville, sophomore



"I'm thankful for my church family because they have kept me on the right track and have accepted me for who I am - my faults and my accomplishments."

Ellen Dane, senior



"I'm thankful for my family because they've raised me the way God would want them to. I'm also thankful for strong Christian friends that keep me on track."

Nathan Rippey, junior



"I'm thankful for support from my parents. They come to everything I'm in like sports and chorus. They encourage me and don't let me down."

Grant Turner, freshman



We've all heard the answer "friends" to the familiar "What are you thankful for?" question. For juniors Bailey Hufford and Vicki Holmertz, their lifelong friendship is definitely something they are thankful for.

How long have you two known each other?

Bailey: We've known each other our whole lives. Our moms were friends before we were even born.

What was the first fight you ever had?

Vicki: We were playing Triominos in my living room and Bailey took almost all my playing pieces. I got so mad and tried to make her give them back. Then she got mad and wouldn't talk to me, so she went to my room, then my parent's room, and then when she came back into the living room we started laughing hysterically. We were about six at the time.

What is something funny you remember that happened when you two were together?

Bailey: I'll never forget when we were going to my house from Vicki's. Vicki was riding her bike and I was walking. A little dog started chasing us and Vicki wouldn't let me on the bike to get away. Afterward we laughed so hard!

What is your favorite thing to do together?

Bailey: We love to just hang out, watch movies and eat, talk and stay up for hours on end. She laughs 24/7 and makes everything fun.

New Kids On The Block vs. 'N Sync



photo taken from *New Kids on the Block* edited by Mike Clifford



photo taken from the 'N Sync CD cover

'N Sync had its first of two sold out concerts in the Des Moines area. With the group quickly moving up the charts worldwide, some have classified them as the next New Kids On The Block. Check out these facts to see what you think:

Who is in the band and how old are they?*

How were their concerts when they came to Iowa?

What albums of their's have gone platinum?

What do students think?

• **New Kids On The Block:** Jonathan Knight, 22; Jordan Knight, 19; Joe McIntyre, 18; Donnie Wahlberg, 21 and Danny Wood, 21.

• The New Kids first came to the Iowa State Fair in 1989, where 60 fans suffered heat exhaustion. They came back November 9, 1990, and played for a crowd of 13,534 at Hilton Coliseum. Tickets cost \$25.25. Eighteen fans went to the hospital because Donnie jumped onto the crowd.

• *New Kids on the Block*, *Hangin' Tough* and *Merry, Merry Christmas*

• "I used to have New Kids On The Block posters everywhere in my room. I even had the bed sheets," said freshman Shauna Sturdivant.

• **'N Sync:** Lance Bass, 19; JC Chasez, 22; Joey Fatone, 21; Chris Kirkpatrick, 26 and Justin Timberlake, 17.

• 'N Sync made their first appearance in Iowa on December 28, 1998. They played to a crowd of 2,687 at the Des Moines Civic Center. Each ticket cost \$23. Their second concert scheduled for May 3, 1999, at Veterans Memorial Auditorium sold out.

• 'N Sync

• "They are talented, but their 15 minutes of fame will be over and there will be another backlash of hatred toward boy bands," said sophomore Andy Ryerson.

* All information, such as ages and albums that went platinum, were taken from what 'N Sync had accomplished as of December 1998 and how old New Kids On The Block were in 1990, their "prime time." Facts taken from *The Des Moines Register*.

Frosting frenzy

Applying the finishing touches, sophomore Lori McCleary completes her *Bûche de Noël* to take to her French class. "I wasn't doing well in French, so I needed to make sure I got an A. (Sophomore) Jen Wiley and I decided to split 20 points extra credit by making a yule log together," said McCleary. "It took awhile, but we had a lot of fun doing it. When we were done there was cocoa powder everywhere. It was really chocolatey and Madame (Mary) Moermond shoved it down our throats." photo by Jen Wiley



Joking around

Trying to be sneaky, sophomore Chris Castellano puts a Christmas bow on junior Chelsey Larson's head during winter break. photo by Michelle Collignon



Winter Warmness

Records were broken by unusually high temperatures

With temperatures reaching almost 70° during the month, many normal winter activities were affected. "With no snow until the end of December, it made pheasant season not as good as usual," said freshman Aaron Greger.

Some saw the advantages of the unseasonal weather. "I liked the warm weather because I hate being stuck inside," said sophomore Trisha Kimrey. "There are always things happening outside when it's warm; otherwise, it gets boring."

Although some meteorologists pointed to a high pressure system over the Carolinas for the warmer weather, senior Joan Decker had a different theory. "I just moved from Alabama, so I think I brought the weather with me," said Decker.

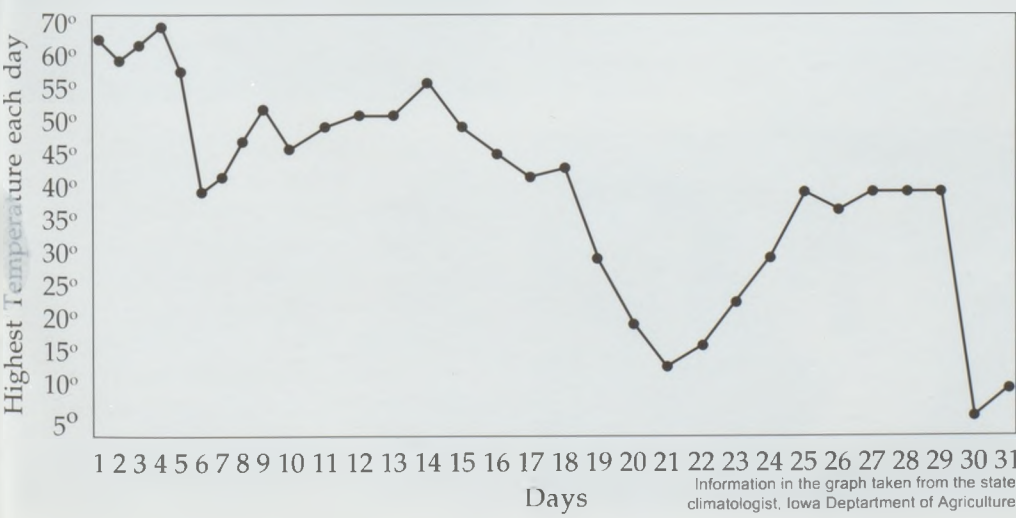
Thirst quenching

Taking a break from skateboarding, senior Tim Boesenberg cools off from the unseasonable weather. "I have been ready to snowboard since August, so I'm (mad) that it is so warm in December," said Boesenberg. *photo by M. Norton*



Talking up a storm

While leaving the school after eighth hour, junior Mike Yeoman tells a joke to senior Lisa Oviatt. "I was so pumped for (winter) break because of the warm weather. It made December fly by," said Oviatt. "Everyone was in a better mood because we weren't bummed from dull winter weather. I was ready to throw on some shorts and play some soccer!" *photo by Michelle Norton*



Rewind

•December 5, Central won the NCAA Division III volleyball championship. Graduate Jaymie Johnson was on the team.

•December 8, The first of eight babies was born to a Houston woman who used fertility drugs. The other seven were born 12 days later, making history by being the first octuplets. One died on the 27th.

•December 16, United States planes bombed Iraq on the eve of the impeachment vote.

•December 17, Dave Matthews Band played at Hilton Coliseum in Ames.

•December 19, President Bill Clinton was impeached. Clinton said he wouldn't resign, "I will continue to work for the American people." His national approval rating rose to 74%.

•The interactive electronic Furby was the "Tickle Me Elmo" of the holiday season. It's retail price was \$34.97, but many sold for over \$200.

•December 25, *The Faculty*, *Shakespeare in Love*, *Stepmom*, *Mighty Joe Young* and *Patch Adams* premiered in the theaters.

DECEMBER

Rewind

• *January 1*, A snowstorm resulted in 14 inches of snow and three Iowa deaths.

• *January 4*, The Iowa Department of Transportation began issuing intermediate licenses to 16-year-olds restricting them from driving between 12:30 a.m. and 5:00 a.m.

• *January 12*, Mark McGwire's 70th home run ball sold at an auction for \$3.05 million.

• *January 13*, Michael Jordan retired from basketball after winning six NBA titles. He earned \$42 million in his last season.

• *January 18*, Europe officially standardized the entire continent's money with Eurodollars.

• *January 20*, The NBA basketball lockout ended after two months.

• *January 27*, The assessment cadre started a new problem solving program. The school's goal was to assess whether at least 75% of students were capable problem solvers. The first problem the students were to deal with was the lack of parking space.

spread by Alyssa Ranney

Cutting a Rug

Good music and organization made Winter Formal a hit

Cheek to cheek, senior A.J. Bilbrey and junior Heather Schmidt dance during one of the slow songs played at Winter Formal. They tripled with seniors Matt Lemons and Chuck Hamilton and juniors Andrea Ranker and Stephanie Peterson. "It's one of the last high school dances for seniors, so it gives us a chance to see everyone as a whole again," said senior Matt Reber. *photo by Alyssa Ranney*



Looking at the king and queen options, sophomores Lindsay Simmerman and Rene Thoreson decide who to vote for. Seniors Dan Johnson and Jeny Lyons were crowned king and queen. The other candidates were seniors Rachel Bryant, Megan Evans, Emily Meyer, Andy Briggs, Andy Creger and John Parenza. "The easy way to vote made that area run smoothly," said sophomore Marcy Green. *photo by Alyssa Ranney*

Juniors Randy Palmer and Shelly Jones dance together during the song *Jump, Jive and Wail* by the Brian Setzer Orchestra. "The DJ played a lot of good music. Some of it was from the early '90s and later he played some more recent stuff," said freshman Danielle Beery. Some considered the dance ordinary. "It wasn't real fancy, but my friends were there," said sophomore Jonathon Pope. *photo by Alyssa Ranney*



Making an entrance, sophomore Trisha Kimrey and her date, senior Justin Roach from Worth County High School, walk into the student commons. "There were not as many people as I expected but my friends are wacko, so it was fun," said Kimrey. The organized entrance area added to the fun. "It was nice to be able to get pictures and go straight into the dance," said freshman Kristin Chaney. *photo by Alyssa Ranney*

Top five hardest finals

5 **Accelerated world studies**- "We had to write a 1,000-word essay and back up our opinion with facts," said sophomore Katie Albrecht.

4 **Physical science**- "Some of the stuff I studied on the review wasn't on the test," said freshman Brooke Fullmer.

3 **English**- "I didn't understand *A Tale of Two Cities* because of the confusing language," said freshman Kurt Albertson.

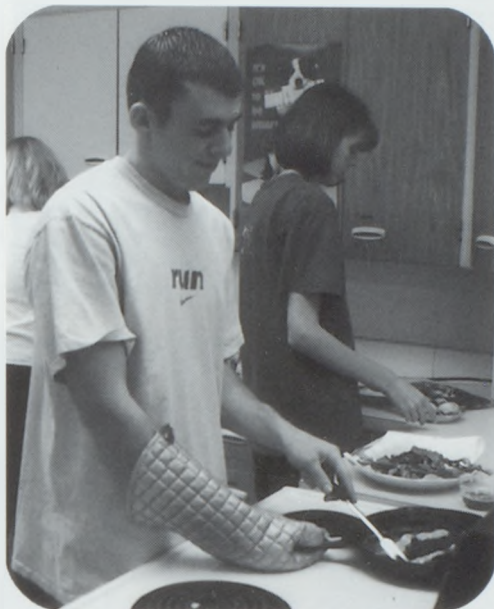
2 **Spanish**- "It's hard to remember the verb tenses, grammar points and vocabulary," said sophomore Kim Holt.

1 **Math**- "Calculus covered all topics from the entire year so it was difficult to review," said senior Nigel Berndt.

*this information was collected from a survey of 100 students.

Cooking a feast

Frying bacon, senior Shane Foster works on part of his foods final. "First we had to make a meal with different foods from the food pyramid. Then we had two days to prepare the food. There were five or six groups. Each group made a couple things and then we put them all together and had a feast," said Foster. *photo by Alyssa Ranney*



Final pressures

Taking notes, sophomore Kate Slusark studies for Mrs. Marty Pierce's Spanish III final. "I didn't mind finals because I'm used to them," said Slusark. "Her test wasn't too complicated. The material wasn't hard for me. I probably didn't have to study for more than an hour total." Slusark was studying during the sixth period final which for her was a free period. "I liked the finals schedule a lot because I didn't have to go in on Friday and I had early out the other two days." *photo by Alyssa Ranney*



New Starts in 1999



Seth Anderson, '02

"This year I want to exercise more. I've taken up swimming and I also want to start weight lifting and jogging. During the summer I want to exercise every afternoon."

Seth Anderson, '02

Sandra Schreiber, '01

"My New Year's resolution is to be on time to first period because I was always late first semester. I also want to hit the ski slopes more often than I have been."



"I work at Hy-Vee and I want to get a raise because I need more money. I'm in debt \$2000 to my dad and I also want to save money for college and other things."

Gavin Kucera, '00

Jessica Henning, '99

"I want to decide on college and keep my grades up because I've gone three-and-a-half years (with good grades), so I don't want to let them drop just because school's almost over."



Top 10 Conversation Hearts

10. Page me
9. Fax me
8. E-mail me
7. You're cool
6. Hug me
5. Kiss kiss
4. I'm yours
3. Sweet thing
2. Be mine
1. I love you



survey taken from 103 students

Hugs and kisses

Sophomore Kim Holt wraps up hugs and kisses to hand out for Valentine's Day. "We sold these to raise money for S.A.D.D.," said Holt. "I think it is important to have this group because a lot of people drink and it makes you realize drinking is a problem." photo by Tara McGowan



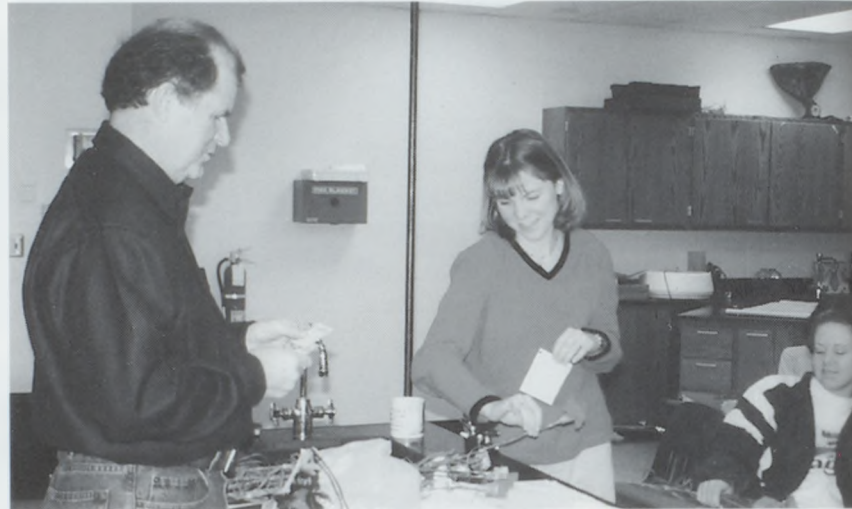
Gifts of affection

Talking in the hallway, freshman Lindsay Townsend admires the roses and balloons sophomore Melissa Titus is carrying. "The roses were from my boyfriend for Valentine's Day, but Friday was also my birthday," (sophomore) Kristi (Kielhorn) got me balloons." photo by Tara McGowan

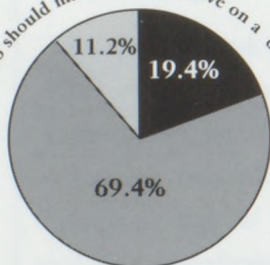


Love comes first

Picking out her red carnations from the pile of flowers as Mr. Jim Mahoney watches, sophomore Meredith Avaux smiles just thinking about who sent it to her. "Love is when the person you love is someone you care enough about to put them first," said Avaux. She received carnations from her boyfriend, freshman Brian Johnson. "We had plans for Valentine's Day so I didn't expect anything. It was a nice surprise," said Avaux. National Honor Society sold carnations for a dollar during the week before Valentine's Day. photo by Tara McGowan



Who should make the first move on a date?



Boys
Either
Girls

survey taken from 108 students

"Going to a really fancy place to eat dinner and dancing there. When he picked me up he would give me roses."

Heidi Emmerich, '01

"I would make her dinner, fettuccine alfredo. Then we would rent a romantic movie. It has got to be a romance."

Eric Butterwick, '02

What is your fantasy date?

Jon Gibbs, '00

"My dream date would be spending all day on a boat alone. Then we would go eat at a really fancy restaurant."

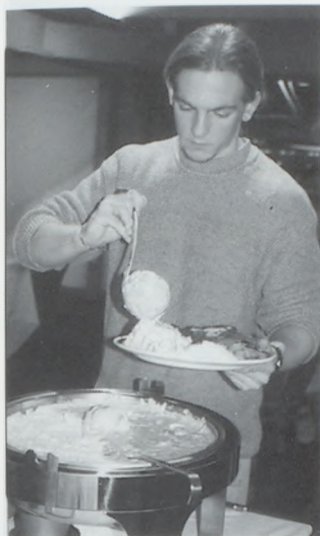
Meghann Wiig '99

"I would want to go with some really hot guy to Hawaii and lay on the beaches all day to get tan."



Munching n' Memories

Seniors gathered for breakfast to recall the past



Bon Appetite

Loading his plate with food, senior Nate Monroe adds gravy to his biscuits. "My favorite thing I ate there was the French toast because I don't get it much," said Monroe. "The meal as a whole was decent. I paid \$11 for breakfast where I could have gotten a better one at Hy-Vee." The meal was catered by Stewart Mauseth who works in the school cafeteria. This was his first year catering the breakfast. The menu also included eggs, muffins, assorted fruit, bacon and sausage. photo by Jen Wiley



Predictions for the future

Getting a kick out of his eighth grade writings, senior Dan Whitten shows senior Karla Mills his time capsule. photo by Ben Flannery



All you can eat

Going through the food line at senior breakfast, senior Amanda Simpson places more food on her plate. "My favorite part was when teachers and students went in front of everyone and told stories," said Simpson. "Some were pretty funny and from a long time ago." Many students were singled out by their elementary school teachers in order to recall past memories. Although some were embarrassed, others were praised for their successes. photo by Jen Wiley

Sneak peak

Reading over senior Andy Shanley's shoulder, senior Katie Poston glances at what was inside his capsule. photo by Jen Wiley



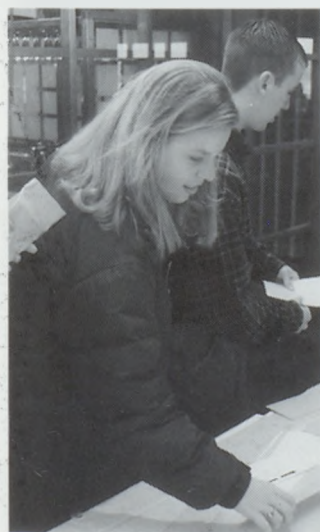
Dreams come true

Searching among the various time capsules, senior Julie Heffling finds one that she made in eighth grade. "I put down what I wanted to be in the future and what I wanted to do in high school," said Heffling. "Some things I put down were to make Innovation and to be a cheerleader. That came true, so it was kind of cool." Seniors made these time capsules in eighth grade and could put whatever they wanted to inside it in order to record their thoughts for the future. photo by Ben Flannery



Nuclear nosh

Sitting with his classmates at Hyperion Golf & Country Club, senior Dan Knapp finishes the last pieces of fruit on his plate. photo by Jen Wiley



Rewind

•February 8, At about 2:30 p.m. a message came over the intercom saying, "The city engineer is here to inspect the emergency light system, please excuse the interruptions." Someone had called in a bomb threat and said it was located in the cafeteria. A bomb was not found.

•February 11, Astorm hit, causing windshields to ice over in the school parking lot. Many were forced to spend extra time scraping car windows.

•February 12, Forty-four senators voted to dismiss the impeachment case. To remove President Bill Clinton from office, 67 votes out of 100 senators were needed.

•February 18, The overheated contents of the high school dryer started on fire. Luckily, no one was hurt and no serious damage was done.

•February 19, A fire, which was started in the garage, burnt the south side of sophomore David Batchelder's house.

•February 16-21, The Broadway musical *Rent* was performed at the Civic Center.

FEBRUARY

Rewind

• *March 1*, Dave Matthews released his newest CD, *Live at Luther College*, recorded in Luther, Iowa.

• *March 4*, Spice Girl, Victoria Adams, (Posh Spice), gave birth to a seven pound baby boy.

• *March 15*, Peace talks between the United States and Serbia's Slobadon Milosevic resumed after Milosevic failed to accept a peace deal.

• *March 15*, In an interview with *Time* magazine, Monica Lewinsky said she regretted what the past year has done to the country, but even more what it has done to her.

• *March 16*, The local one percent sales tax increase to support Polk County schools was voted down by a margin of 43 votes out of 66,000.

• *March 21*, *Shakespeare in Love* received the Oscar for best picture at the Academy Awards.

• *March 24*, The United States began air strikes on Kosovo.

• *March 29*, The University of Connecticut upset Duke to win the NCAA championship.

spread by Sarah Straw



Home and Abroad

No matter where they were, students enjoyed their break



Getting air

Sophomore Matt Donaldson practices his jumps in Steamboat Springs, Colorado. Donaldson stayed there for five days with sophomores Shane Behanish and Josh Schonhorst. While there, the boys met up with sophomores Sarah Skinner, Rachelle Cervetti and Ellen Schoville who were also vacationing in Colorado. photo by Josh Schonhorst

Puncturing the surface

"It felt like getting my finger pricked a bunch of times," said senior Sarah Martin describing the tattoo she got in Cancun, Mexico. photo by Angela Finstead



"I spent time with my friends and hung out at parties. I slept in every day and I worked a little bit at AAA Roofing. Overall, it was a pretty good break." -Evan Noble, junior

"I worked most of my spring break at the McDonald's in Johnston. I didn't mind too much though because I was getting paid." -Natalie Beck, senior



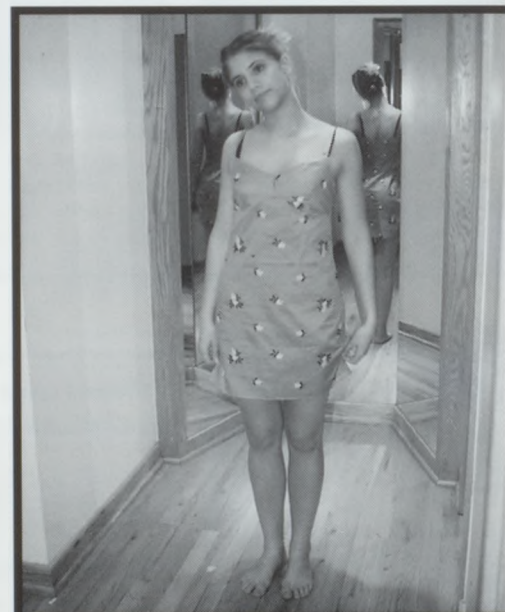
"I went shopping in Omaha with my family for one day. The rest of the time I worked on Mock Trial since we had state competition that week." -Heather King, sophomore



"I stayed here and played soccer with (freshmen) Justin Cook, Matt Lunn and Shawn Ganger. I also worked weekends at the ice arena." -Shane Wilson, Freshman



"I went to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, with (sophomore) Lindsay Smith. We went to the beach for one day, but we mostly just laid by the pool." -Valerie Lewis, sophomore



"Over spring break, my mom and I went to Kansas City with some friends of ours. We stayed for two days and hit all the stores. We had so much fun because we shopped all day and ate all night. I hope we can go back next year."

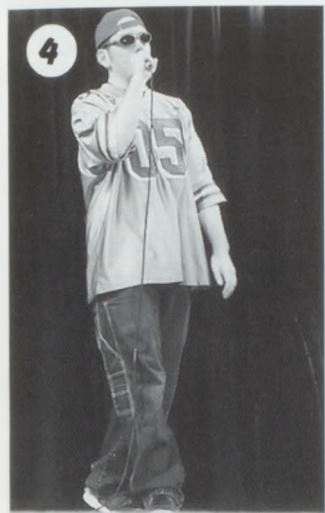
photo by Sarah Straw

-Lindsey Haag, '01

Seven Steps to Becoming a *Star*



Danz team members sponsored a pageant to find Mr. JHS.



1 **Walking arm in arm**, seniors Nick Wylie and Ellen Dane begin the Mr. JHS pageant with the character wear section of the competition.

2 **During the dance** contest portion of the competition, junior Joe Townsend busts a move in his football uniform to impress the audience and, more importantly, the judges.

3 **Showing how he would pick up a girl** during the "What Would You Do?" competition, senior Brad Schwarz tries to get hooked up with junior Andee Jo Houle.

4 **Rhyming his way** through the talent portion of the competition, junior Brandon Ream raps to the early 90's hit "Ice, Ice Baby" by Vanilla Ice.

5 **Senior Kyle Campbell** looks confident during the formal wear portion of the competition. Campbell's stylin' outfit was designed by Nautica.

6 **The final three** in the Mr. JHS competition, seniors Adam Lewis, Dan Armstrong and Phil Gauthier, anxiously await the announcement of the winner.

7 **Winner Dan Armstrong**, senior, joyfully accepts his \$50 check and cookie from Danz team members Amy Stewart and Ellen Dane, seniors. *all photos by Michelle Norton*

Lifesavers

Absorbing information

Before making a donation on March 16, senior Matt Reber reads the handout "Reasons for Donating Blood" that explained the criteria for giving blood. "The doctor and I talked about the Dave Matthews concert the whole time, so that kept my mind off the pain," said Reber who was a first-time donor. Student council and NHS sponsored the blood drive. *photo by Nicole Frank*



Smiling through the pain

- Laying on the table, junior Ashley Albertson donates blood. "I thought it hurt a lot," said Albertson about her first time donating blood. "But I felt good about it afterwards." Albertson decided to give blood because U.S. history teacher Jerry Stratton offered students extra credit points for donating. *photo by M. Norton*

Just the FACTS

At 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 20, two students, Eric Harris, 18, and Dylan Klebold, 17, entered Columbine High School in Littleton, a suburb of Denver, Colorado, armed with sawed-off shotguns and homemade bombs.



They made their way through the halls of the school to the cafeteria and library where they began shooting at students. For three hours, they spread fear among those there and killed 12 students and one teacher, while hundreds of federal, state and local law enforcers waited outside.

Harris and Klebold were found dead among their victims in the library - they had wired themselves to explosives in order to continue the killing once they had committed suicide. The bombs and booby traps they had set throughout the school prevented authorities from identifying and removing the boys' bodies as well as their victims' bodies for many hours after.

The two boys belonged to a group of about a dozen juniors and seniors who called themselves the Trenchcoat Mafia. Members of this gang wore camouflage pants tucked into combat boots, black trenchcoats and t-shirts adorned with swastikas. The massacre the duo was responsible for was similar to a computer game called *Doom* that they were fans of. Prior to the shooting, Harris and Klebold had made a video for a class in which they killed people using guns and bombs, much like their actual rampage.

Info taken from *People Magazine* and *The Des Moines Register*.



S P E A K U P



Katie Hannan, '02

"I do not think that something like the Columbine shooting could happen at our school because our school doesn't seem to be focused around violence."



Jacob Bottoms, '01

"I don't think a situation like that can be prevented because wherever you go there will be people making fun of other people and sometimes it goes too far."



Ryan Bergman, '00

"I thought it was really sad that two people could do this and get to that point of insanity without having anyone that they know be able to stop it from happening."



Megan Sheeks, '99

"I think many people are to be blamed for this tragedy. The kids for doing it, the media for giving them ideas and the kids' parents for not being able to prevent it."

Too Close for Comfort

- Urbandale High School had optional attendance Tuesday, April 27 because a bombing and shooting rampage was advertised throughout the halls.
- At Valley High School, a rumor was spread about a bomb and shooting threat and students could be excused from classes if their parents called them in.
- Fort Dodge students were required to store all things brought into school in clear, plastic containers so they could be monitored. Metal detectors were also added to the entrance of the school.



Action in Academics

April brought a wealth of educational opportunities

Foreign relations

Hanging at junior Chelsey Larson's house, Julian Perez, Larson's exchange student, and sophomore Elizabeth Andrew's student, Elodie Natricon, play football. The students from St. Etienne, France, stayed in Johnston April 6-20. They spent three days with their host students at school, visited the capital building, working farms and museums. *photo by Michelle Collignon*



Food for thought

Freshman Janna Bjork explains her project "Betty Crocker Packaging and Technology Through the Years" to the judges at Districts held in the small gym on April 12. Bjork went on to state on May 3 and won first place. In June, she advanced to nationals which were held at the University of Maryland in College Park, MD. "I learned how packaged foods have resulted from technological advancements and innovations in flour mills after doing the research for my project," said Bjork. *photo by Sarah Sauber*



French Friends

History Day

Constitution Competition



We the people

Looking over their notes, seniors Michelle Vacco, Dan Knapp and Justin Grissom prepare for the following day's competition at the Constitution Convention held in Washington, D.C. April 29-May 3. The competition required students to study a unit of a text entitled "We the People Constitution Handbook" and then prepare a four-minute speech about their unit. After presenting their speech, students were asked questions about the topics covered in their unit and were judged on their overall knowledge of the assigned information and how it relates to modern day society and government. *photo by Betsy Sanders*



One more time

Practicing for their upcoming skit performance, seniors Nigel Berndt and Ricky Green perform a final run through during their lunch of tacos at the Spanish Quiz Bowl. The A.P. team took second place overall. The competition was held in the Olmstead Center at Drake University and consisted of events such as the dialogue competition and answering questions about Hispanic history, society and geography. *photo by Megan Stetson*

Quiz Bowl

Rewind

• April 5, Pamela Anderson Lee said good-bye to her artificial breast implants, reducing her cup size to a C.

• April 11, Divas Live, the first live show of all female performers aired on VH-1. Such performers included Tina Turner, LeAnn Rimes, Whitney Houston, Cher and Brandy.

• April 16, Hockey legend, Wayne Gretsky, retired after 20 years of playing professionally saying he had lost his "mental edge." His number 99 was also retired leaguewide.

• April 22, To celebrate Earth Day, S.E.A.A. took a hike at Saylorville to clean up the beaches and rid them of trash.

• April 22, T.S.A. competed in the Iowa T.S.A. competition in Altoona. Freshman Sam Summers took first place for his manufacturing prototype and sophomore Nick Dell and junior Joe Bass also received first place for their architectural model.

• April 23, In celebration of the 127th anniversary of Arbor Day, the city of Johnston planted trees around the community.

APRIL

Rewind

• April 24, Prom took place at the Starc Armory from 8 p.m. to midnight.

• The theme was music notes and the theme song was *From this Moment* by Shania Twain.

• It was Mrs. Kelly Coleman's fourth and final year of organizing prom.

• Tickets cost \$15 per person and \$30 for a couple. Four hundred thirty-six were sold.

• The prom committee's jobs ranged from deciding on a theme to picking out the senior gifts.

• The prom attendants were seniors Marie Bunce, Emily Haight, Tanner Hockensmith, Megan Lehman, Nick Touch and Andy Westcott.

• After-prom was from 1 to 5:15 a.m. and the theme was *Cruising into the Future*.

• The activities at after-prom included Blackjack, a bungee run, a money walk, Jenga and even a game show, as well as lots of free food.

• At 4 a.m. Sami Dair performed a hypnotist show.

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Sleepless Night

Prom, after-prom and everything in between

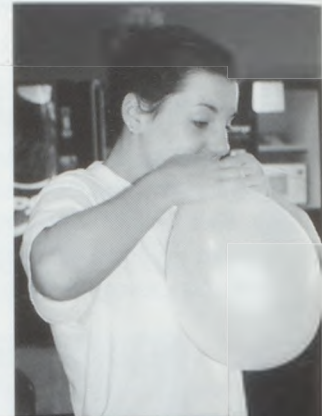
Nick Touch

THE KING OF KINGS

and Megan Lehman, seniors, were crowned king and queen. "Being king consisted of wearing the crown for four minutes before they took it away again," said Touch. "But it was still cool to be something."



photo by Sarah Sauber



GETTING READY

"When we were setting up in the Armory we were trying to wrap some balloons around a banister. We couldn't get them high enough so we used cheerleading stunts to get them up. It was a funny sight."

-Junior Molly Wohl
photo by Michelle Norton

get in the game

Which was the best event at after-prom?

"I thought the bungee race thing was really cool. You could run out and get flung back. It was cool since I had never done it before."

-Adam Tillman, junior

"Winning money for just filling out a card was my favorite part of after-prom, but I also enjoyed the game show. It was really different and funny."

-Amie Bobst, junior

"The hypnotist was hilarious. I couldn't tell if the people were really hypnotized, but the things they did were crackin' everybody up."

-Rachelle Cervetti, sophomore

ride in style

photo by Matt Ring

Junior Spencer Wise won the limo from the prom committee raffle.

also pictured sophomore Girija Mahajan



"Prom just plain rocked. It was awesome."

-Chris Davis, '00

Come on down

Competing in the game show, seniors Paul Venter and Matt Lemons enjoy one of the many games at after-prom. This game consisted of standing behind a podium and answering strange questions for points. In one question they had to identify the theme song to the Brady Bunch. Venter and Lemons competed individually against seniors Chris Wagner and Andy Shanley. Wagner scored the most points, winning the game. "After-prom was more exciting than I expected it to be," said Venter. "I actually won 50 bucks and had a good time." *photo by Sarah Sauber*



"I worked from seven until five the day of prom. We had dinner reservations at six, so I only had an hour to get ready. By the end of the night I was beat."

- David Batchelder, '01



"There weren't very many underclassmen there, especially freshmen; so it was really cool that I got to go. It made me feel sort of special."

- Jami Divis, '02



"My suit was way too big. I had to staple the cuffs of my pants so they wouldn't drag on the ground. Plus, I didn't even know how to put on my bowtie."

- Chris Wagner, '99

promprices

Skeffington's Formal Wear's tuxedos ran anywhere from \$90-110 depending on what type of tux one bought.

prom dresses ranged from about \$50-300, depending on where they were purchased.

Seniors Tyler Tompkins and Tyelene Cervetti walk up to prom. Tompkins was sporting a white tux, which was very popular. *photo by Sarah Sauber*



numbers at prom

2% freshmen

7% sophomores

17% students from other schools

74% juniors/seniors

flashback

What made prom memorable for you?



* Picture perfect

Senior Lindsay Hansen and her date, DMACC student Josh Sienkiewicz (1997 graduate), fill out their picture form for prom. "As soon as we got to prom we got all of our picture stuff out of the way. There wasn't too long of a line because they had two different places to get pictures taken," said Hansen. *photo by Sarah Sauber*

May Babies

Mother and daughter

Biology teacher Mrs. Stacy Vaughn cradles her new daughter Haley Kate in her arms while on a visit to her classroom. photo by Matt Ring



Sidney Patrick Wilson

son of Stephanie Wilson, was born on May 20, 1999, at 12:47 p.m., weighing 7 lbs., 13 oz. and measuring 20.5 inches.

Haley Kate Vaughn

daughter of Stacy Vaughn, was born on May 7, 1999, at 4:36 p.m., weighing 8 lbs. and measuring 19 3/4 inches.

Extra Tests

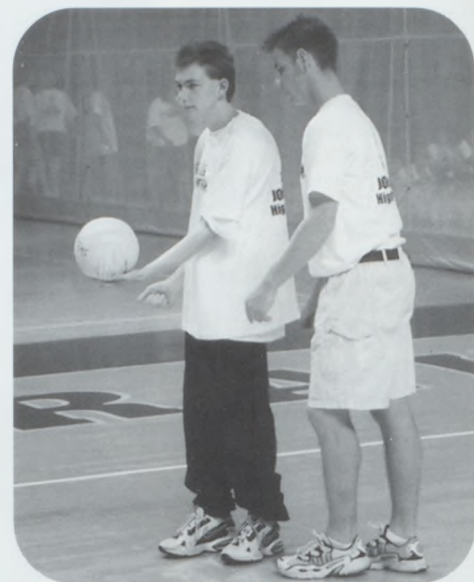
Several students chose A.P. testing over extra sleep



photo by Matthew Ring

Studying diligently, juniors Aaron Knowles and Lena Rydberg make preparations for the A.P. U.S. History test, which was held on May 15 from 7:30 - 11:30 a.m. Other areas of advanced placement testing included French, English, calculus, biology and Spanish. Students who scored high enough on the tests were eligible to receive college credits, allowing them to be exempt from taking certain entry level courses.

Assisting junior Luke Borwick, senior Kyle Campbell helps him serve in a game of volleyball during Unified Sports Day. The event was held at Drake University on May 5. Along with Campbell, eight other students were chosen by P.E. teacher Beth Ward to help with students from the special education group. During the day, students participated in a variety of sporting events and each received an award of participation.



photos by Matthew Ring

Star Wars

in the Box Office

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19:

\$25.5 million

THURSDAY, MAY 20:

\$12.3 million

FRIDAY, MAY 21:

\$18.4 million

SATURDAY, MAY 22:

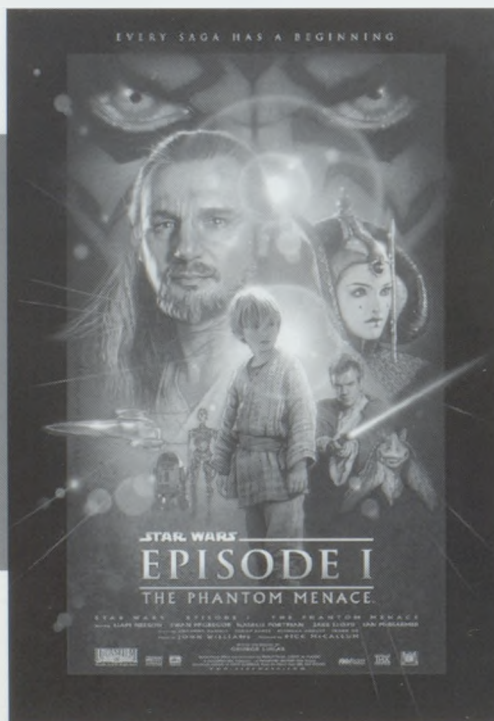
\$24.2 million

SUNDAY, MAY 23:

\$19.4 million

*taken from the Des Moines Register

Episode I hit the big screen on May 19 adding one more saga to the trilogy. The first episode followed Anakin Skywalker as a little boy and shed some light on the history of the Jedi universe.



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Star Wars vs. school

Reaching for his tickets, junior Aaron Frasier buys his way into Episode I at the Wynnsong 16 theater from employee Chris Cook. Frasier arrived at 6:30 a.m. on Tuesday and waited in line until the box office opened at noon. He was the 139th person to buy a ticket at that theater. "[Of the group I went with], I volunteered to wait in line because nobody else's parents would let them skip school," said Frasier. photo by Matthew Ring



Winding Down

Students counted down their last days of school

Seniors Chris Ceretti and Holly Bidney mess around on a tire swing together at senior picnic, which was held on May 18 at Acorn Valley. I thought it (the senior picnic) was nicely put together. Everybody had a good time without getting out of control," said Bidney. photo by Jennifer White



"The chaperones were very lenient. They didn't hover over us or treat us like little kids. They basically let us do whatever we wanted to, as long as no laws were broken."

Steve Meiners,
senior

"The week of the speeches I was sick with mono and on the morning of our speeches I couldn't talk. Therefore, I wasn't able to give my speech, but I felt that the winners had a much better campaign than I did."

Ben Flannery,
junior



Standing behind the podium, junior Grant Patterson speaks about his victory as student body president during the closing part of Class Day. I think (Grant) has a lot of experience and we will get a lot done together," said junior Dustin Simmerman, who was elected vice president. Candidate speeches were presented on the Dynacom system instead of in the gym as in previous years. photo by Melissa Miller

Sitting down to rest his eyes, senior Nick Van Gundy catches up on a little sleep during Class Day. On Wednesday, May 26, seniors had to be in the new gym by 8:00 a.m. to rehearse and receive their caps and gowns. Seniors were required to be at school by 7:45 a.m. on Thursday to line up in alphabetical order for Class Day. photo by Matthew Ring



"I thought Class Day went well. I got a \$300 scholarship from Dollars for Scholars. My favorite part was when the seniors brought out the mementos at the end."

Nicole Grimm,
senior

"There is a general format in which the Class Day is organized. The Junior/Senior Board prepares everything from the decorations to the speakers. A lot of the things I do include editing the senior spotlights, helping put together the script and collecting the scholarships from the guidance office."

Stacia DeLuca,
Jr./Sr. Board Coordinator



Looking through the large collage of pictures, senior Andy Johnson thinks back to his younger years. I was looking at old pictures of Sound Advice from my freshman year. It was cool to see how everyone has changed and grown up," said Johnson. According to senior parent Virginia Bryant, the picture collage was left over from after prom to allow the parents the opportunity to see the pictures during Class Day and graduation. photo by Matthew Ring

Rewind

• May 7, The Chinese Embassy in Yugoslavia was bombed by NATO. The missile attack killed three reporters. NATO said the bombing was an accident.

• May 20, Thomas J. Solomon Jr., 15, opened fire at Heritage High School in Conyers, Ga., where he attended classes. Six students were wounded in the shooting, which took place exactly one month after the Columbine tragedy.

• May 21, After 18 years of being nominated for a Daytime Emmy, Susan Lucci finally won the Best Actress award. Lucci played Erica Kane in the soap opera *All My Children*.

• May 23, Owen Hart, World Federation wrestler, was killed when he fell 50 feet as he was lowered from the ceiling of Kemper Arena in Kansas City, Mo.

• Junior Nick Konz accumulated the required amount of credits by his junior year to graduate with the senior class. After talking to the guidance office, Konz, who is planning to attend North Central College in Minnesota, was granted permission to follow through commencement.

MAY

Rewind

• May 30, Class of 1999 commencement.

• Two hundred and ten students graduated.

• Class motto: "Only those who will risk going too far can possibly find out how far one can go."

Class flower: mayflower
Class colors: purple and pearl

• Speakers at commencement were Rory Flynn and Nicole Frank.

• The top three percent of the class were Katie Barnett, Nigel Berndt, Casaundra Christensen, Greg Cottrell, Jill Emmerich, Emily Meyer and Amy Palmer.

• The top 15 percent of the class were Aaron Atkinson, Rachel Bryant, Nate Butzen, Jarod Carl, Christina DeHamer, Angela Finestead, Kirsten Frederick, Jen Gleason, Justin Grissom, Lindsay Hansen, Matt Holub, Megan Lehman, Cindy Loffler, Nate Lynch, Jeny Lyons, Sara Madison, Sarah Meston, Pat Midtlyng, Megan O'Banion, Katie Poston, Dawn Routson, Adam Straw, Pam Thomas, Melissa Tometich, Kevin Walters, Brody Wells and Aaron Wych.

spread by Michelle Collignon

Mixed Feelings

Whether happy or sad, seniors expressed their emotions

"I think the school should have mailed graduation to me. It was hot, temperature wise, and pointless. It should have been a 10 minute thing. They could have just said, 'Hey, your diplomas are in the mail, people.'"

~ Chris Ceolla, '99

Take a stand

During the baccalaureate, senior Jenna Matkins sings a solo as FCA members Sarah Morris and Amy Stewart back her up. photo by Stetson



Diploma time

Senior Jason Grant receives his diploma from School Board V.P., Rebecca Heth, while senior Brenton Gray follows. photo by Sarah Sauber

Sentimental moments

Standing outside after the graduation ceremony, senior Matt Lemons tightly hugs his father. Lemons said, "I wanted to give a speech but I wasn't allowed to because it was unplanned and because of the reputation I have. Graduation was terrible, boring, poorly planned and too sophisticated for us. It had to be exactly how the school wanted it."

photo by Michelle Collignon



Awaiting the moment

Sunday afternoon during commencement, senior Sean Hulsebus sits in his designated seat as he waits to go up on the stage to receive his diploma. photo by Michelle Collignon

Proceeding in

Walking to their seats at graduation, seniors Kim Dorell and Mike Green look for the junior attendants to direct them. photo by Michelle Collignon



Tight grip

Dr. Richard Sunblad shakes the hand of senior Justin McKeever as he crosses the stage at graduation. photo by Megan Stetson

"I thought the graduation ceremony was pretty good and I am glad that it is all over with. During my open house I just sat around and talked with my family about what I am going to do after the summer."

~ Robbie Backstrom, '99

Saying good-bye

• Just chillin'

- Conversing with some friends at his graduation open house, senior Luke Hall leans forward in his chair to listen to seniors Chuck Hamilton and Dan Echtenkamp talk about the photo Hall found just for them. The photo showed six guys, including Hall, Hamilton and Echtenkamp, showing off.
- photo by Michelle Collignon

"At my open house it was mostly just a bunch of my friends sitting around and talking. My family lives kinda far away, so it was mostly just

friends. My grandpa gave me 13 shares of Microsoft stock. That was pretty cool."

~ Nick VanGundy, '99



• What do ya think?

- Sunday night after the commencement ceremony, seniors Matt Holub and Patrick Midtlyng converse at Holub's graduation open house about the French award that was given at class day.
- photo by Michelle Collignon



"During graduation I think that the school should have let others speak who wanted to, like Matt Lemons. (After graduation), at my open house we played volleyball, ate and talked. People mostly asked me about my future."

~ Chuck Hamilton, '99



"During graduation I was just happy that everything was finally over with. I got some good advice that was written in a card. It was something like, don't be afraid to fail, just keep on trying. That may help me in the future."

~ Wendy Dennis, '99



"For my open house party, I rented out the Winwood apartment clubhouse and we had fresh flowers on all the tables, food and all that kind of stuff. I also got a lab top computer and a black pearl necklace as part of my gifts."

~ Brooke Music, '99



..... Taking a closer look

Seniors Jim Bird and Ryan Hargens relax at senior Michelle Norton's open house. Bird and Hargens, along with others, watched a video of pictures that Norton created herself in the video production lab. "I liked going to open houses because it was a time when you could think back on all the memories you have had," said Bird. photo by Michelle Collignon

..... Swing batter-batter

During senior Kyle Campbell's graduation open house, his sophomore brother, Kris, eyes the wiffle ball as the pitcher begins to throw it to him. Some friends and family of the Campbells played a game of baseball while others sat around and ate outside or looked at pictures inside the house. photo by Michelle Collignon

Destruction in a fallout shelter

Rockin' out to the hit single, "Changer" by Nuclear Kicks, junior Chris Davis plays at the Des Moines Funx Unite show at Spooner's bar in Ankeny. Nuclear Kicks was one of six bands to perform at the show. *photo by Jennifer White*



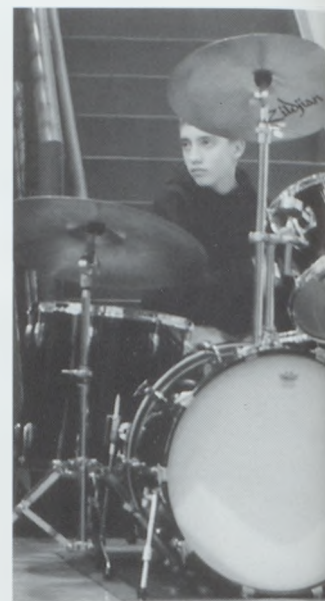
Chocolate chip or sugar?

Enjoying a couple of cookies, junior Luke Borwick eats a few in his Foods class. "My favorite kind of cookies are chocolate chip cookies," said Borwick. *photo by Tara McGowan*



High hat hysteria

Pausing during a jazz band performance, freshman Jason Junge plays the drums at a boys' basketball game. The jazz band played at a few home games, where performing was required during some games and others were optional. *photo by Matt Ring*



Grand accomplishments

Gloating in his t-shirt, now senior Justin McKeever smiles for the camera. While in fourth grade, students could be a Wallace Whiz Kid for a week if they behaved well, had good grades and it was their turn in the class. *photo by R. McKeever*



Frozen on the inside and out

Enjoying an ice cream cone, sophomores Jenny Holland and Amanda Touch eat at DQ during winter break. *photo by Sarah Straw*



Belted Dragon pride

Yelling and showing their support for the cross country team, freshman Aaron Greger, junior Cody Lowman, sophomore Chris Goode and juniors Brett Carlson and Jason Kohles cheer on the girls' cross country team at the state meet. *photo by Alyssa Ranney*



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Play rugby, give blood

Engaging in a pick-up game of rugby, seniors Danny Korte, Tanner Hockensmith, Ryan Hargens, Joel Ashby and Kyle Campbell tear up the mud at the senior picnic. Hargens and Hockensmith both were members of the Des Moines League and many of the others played rugby for the first time that day. *photo by Jennifer White*

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Snow dancing in the wind

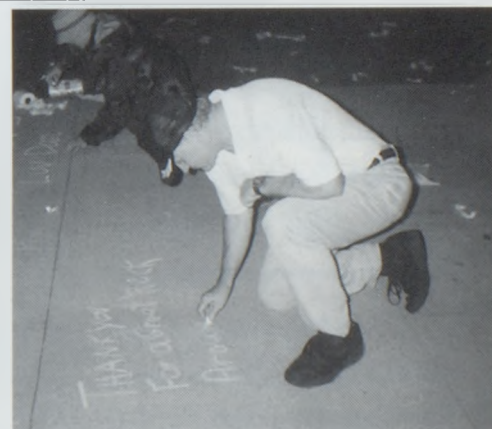
Illegally snowboarding at Hyperion Golf Course, senior Dusty Peterson flies off a handmade jump on the back hill on the course. *photo by Jennifer White*



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Painted spots above her head

Deep in contemplation, sophomore Lindsey Simmerman considers her favorite object-cows. Simmerman often wore some article of clothing dealing with cows including a headband with cows' ears on it. *photo by Michelle Norton*



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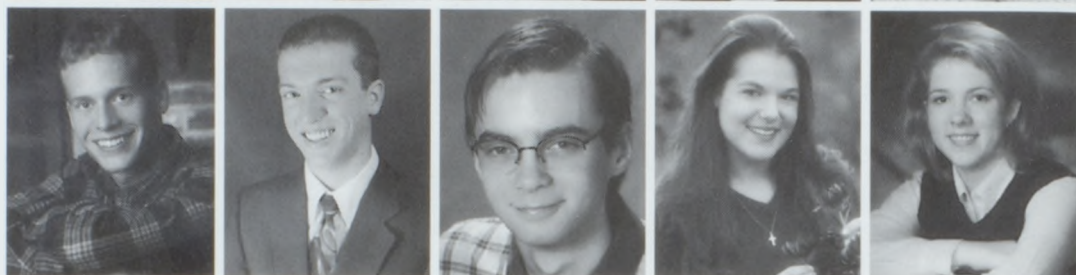
Chalk dust on the fingers

Writing a thank-you message to the pudding-covered students, assistant principal/punishment enforcer Mr. Marty Harswick congratulates the Rock Around the Clock teams on a job well done. *photo by Lacey Corcoran*

Tim Adkisson
 Nicholas Allen
 Alyssa Andrews
 Daniel J. Armstrong
 Samantha D. Arndt



Joel E. Ashby
 Aaron Atkinson
 Robbie M. Backstrom
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Holly Marie Bidney
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Influential people

1 Showing the way. Guardians were a source of influence that everyone experienced in some form. Sara Harper said, "My parents taught me what I should believe in. They set the standard for me. They try to get me to make good choices and do what I believe in."

2 Close companions. Qualities of good friends have left an impact on lives. Justin Williams, who moved to Alabama, was a good friend of Paul Venter before he left. Venter said that he admired the way that Williams always had an excuse for everything that happened in his life.

3 Learning from mistakes. Older siblings set standards for younger brothers or sisters. Not always were they examples to follow. Robbie Backstrom said, "My brother showed me the wrong path through life and taught me how not to take it. He taught me not to steal."

4 Educating examples. The job of teachers was to help students learn, even if it was not school related. Rod Serbus said that Mr. Jerry Stratton showed him how to be a hard worker. "He talked about good work ethic and demonstrated it in the sports he coached," said Serbus.

5 Convincing counterpart. Justin Douglas said that his girlfriend, junior Heather Williams from Roosevelt, helped him make some important decisions. Douglas said that Williams talked him out of dropping a foods technology course at Central Academy.

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Impacting Lives

Providing support and being a role model were just some of the ways that people helped seniors



Two-way support

- At ten months old, twins Lance and Dawn Routson sit in their stroller before they take a walk.
- Since they have lived together for the first 18 years of their lives, they exerted their influence on each other. Dawn said that she does things that will make Lance proud of her such as trying to excel in school and keeping her grades up. Lance said, "She has influenced me because she has taught me to work hard and stick up for what's right even if I must stand alone." photo by Nancy Routson



"My parents taught me most of the values and morals that I have now. They never told me about Santa Claus, so they never lied to me about him. That taught me that honesty is important. They took me to church ever since I was a little kid. I wouldn't have become a Christian if they hadn't."

-Adena Dudney

"I don't think that I would have made it through high school without my friends' advice and support. They helped me even when they didn't agree with some of the things I was deciding. But nonetheless, they stuck with me through it all and I would like to thank them for that."

-Tyler Tompkins



"My mom has always been there for me. She helped me with my problems throughout my life, but she's also been there during the good times. This fall when her sister died, she was busy with helping plan the funeral and she still had time to be there for my brothers and sister and me."

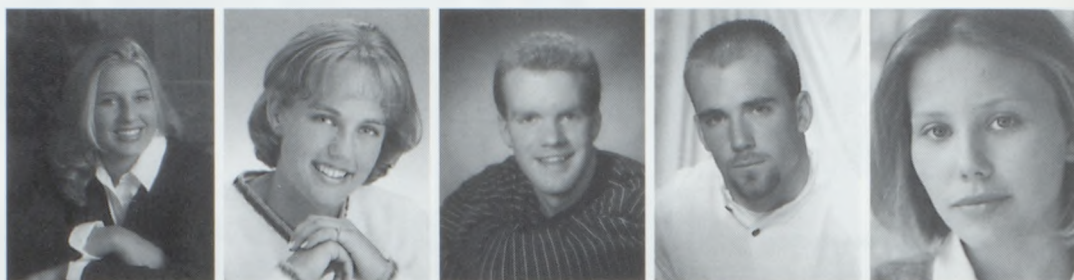
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Rita Danielle Fiala
Angela Elaine Finestead
Rory Patrick Flynn
Jon Hudson Paul Foley
Shane McDonald Foster



Nicole Lynn Frank
Kirsten June Frederick
Renae Ann Fuller
Jeremy Adam Gannon
Matthew Brian Gaukler



Personal predictions

1 Skippin' town. Despite the never ending opportunity and excitement in Iowa, surprisingly some students wanted to venture out beyond the borders. "I would really like to move down to the Bahamas, live on a sailboat and just have a laid back life," said A.J. Bilbrey.

2 College life. Some popular plans after high school included going to college and having a family. "I will attend Central in Pella, majoring in French language studies along with a second major. Then I want to have a family with kids," said Morgan McChurch.

3 High expectations. Those that had a grasp on their future occupational plans, such as Matt Gaukler, were already a step ahead. "I want to become a graphic designer and at some time own my own business," said Gaukler. "Then I want to open a bar and grill and own and run that."

4 Perfection. Other seniors had thoughts of money and fun when they described their dream lifestyles. Justin Zortman said, "The perfect lifestyle would be living in Colorado, skiing and hiking all the time and being like Bill Gates because he is the richest man in the world."

5 Just getting by. Unlike most, Megan Evans had a different outlook on what would be the best lifestyle. "I want to be able to afford what I need and have enough to provide for my family, but I don't need to be rich. I want to be happy and married," said Evans.

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Future Prospects

Seniors were faced with the reality of the real world as college, jobs, families and unlimited possibilities arose ahead of them



Indecisive decisions

- Sitting in her living room, Nicole Frank tries out several of her possible future plans. Like many, Frank was still undecided about what her main profession should be as an adult. "There are so many things I want to do," said Frank.
- "After college I want to be Miss America, then move to Europe to be the editor of *Vogue* and also pursue a career in fashion design.
- Then I want to live on a farm with tons of animals from the animal rescue league, including chimps that I will teach sign language to.
- I also want to be a pastor for an international church, own my own clothing shop in Italy, be a writer and create a *Vogue* for teens.
- Finally, I want to be a part-time Spice Girl named Safari Spice."

photo by Brody Wells



"In twenty years I see myself married and settled in my career as a fashion merchandiser, journalist or a business woman living out of state. My perfect lifestyle would be rich and happy. I would have servants, a maid, butler, cook and a masseuse."

-Emily Meyer

"If I could be like one person when I grow up, it would be Bob Ross. He was the most relaxed person I have ever seen and he was also very creative. Plus, he had pet squirrels. Also, one outrageous thing I want to do before I die is skydive in the nude."

-Rob Wisniewski



"After high school, I want to go to college at the University of Iowa. Then later on I want to marry a rich female whose dad owns a brewery and I'm in charge of taste testing. If I could be just like one person it would be Hugh Hefner for obvious reasons."

-Ben Wissink

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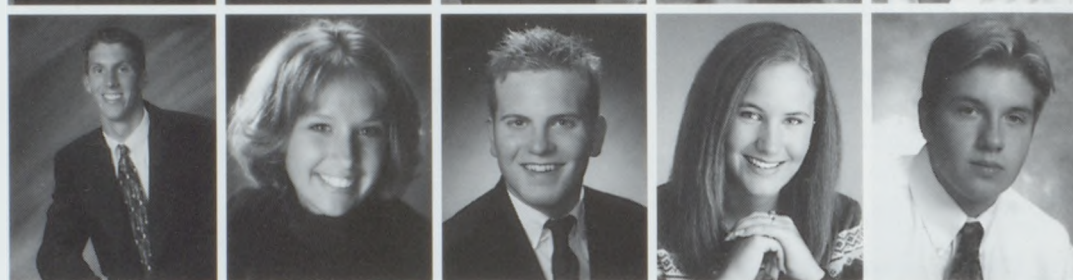
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Sean K. Hulsebus
Andrew J. Johnson
Dan Johnson
Daniel Knapp
Kristyn L. Knight



Impressive capabilities

1 Road rage. "I started racing motorcycles at the end of seventh grade. That's when I got my first bike and ever since it has been the love of my life. I'm moving to Arizona in June to work on bikes, which will probably be what I'm doing for the rest of my life," said Chad Anderson.

2 Tongue twister. Kelly Wilges' talent requires a little work with her mouth. "I can make a clover leaf with my tongue. My mom showed me how to do it when I was in fifth grade," said Wilges. "It doesn't really serve a purpose, but it seems to impress people."

3 Late bloomer. Some skills are not always visible in daily life. Dusty Peterson claims he has mastered two major capabilities, procrastination and perfection. "I can spend the most time possible perfecting the means in which I get nothing done," said Peterson.

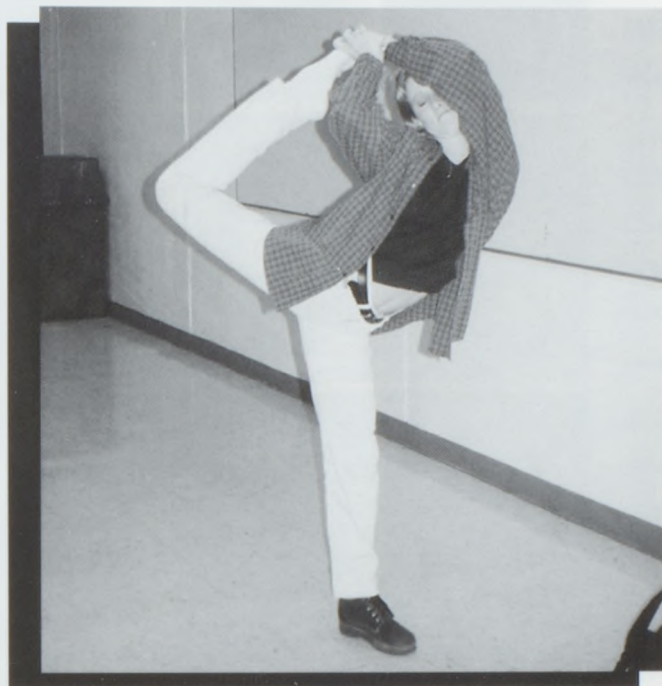
4 Brass abilities. Some seniors' talents pay off later in life. Emily Slattery's skill at playing the French horn has earned her a scholarship. "I'm going to get a music major in horn performance. I'm in two orchestras and two bands. I guess that's why it's my best talent," said Slattery.

5 Snap, crackle, pop. "I can pop my middle finger out of its socket. I can move it to the right and left so it looks funny. It's pretty cool because I can freak people out since it looks like my finger is broken. It's gotten me out of class before," said Jim Bird. He has been doing it since he was little.

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Seniors have a wide range of abilities, from tricks with their bodies to musical endowments

Talent Show



• Human pretzel

- Demonstrating the "scorpion,"
- Kim Bjornson strikes a pose. This position is where one touches the back of her head with her foot.
- Being in gymnastics for most of her life has made Bjornson quite flexible. "I can't hold this move for very long," said Bjornson. "My flexibility may be my biggest talent.
- I don't really use it too much, but it's cool to be able to do these things." photo by Jen Wiley



"One special talent that I can perform is rolling my tongue while saying the alphabet backwards at the same time. I don't remember how I figured this out. I think I was just bored one day. It doesn't really have a good use but at least I can do something."

-John Roarick

"My main talents have to do with music. Ever since I was five, I've been singing. I spend a lot of time playing the guitar. I have been (playing) for a long time. I put my music and singing talent together to write songs. One trick I can do is play the guitar with my teeth."

-Adam Haug



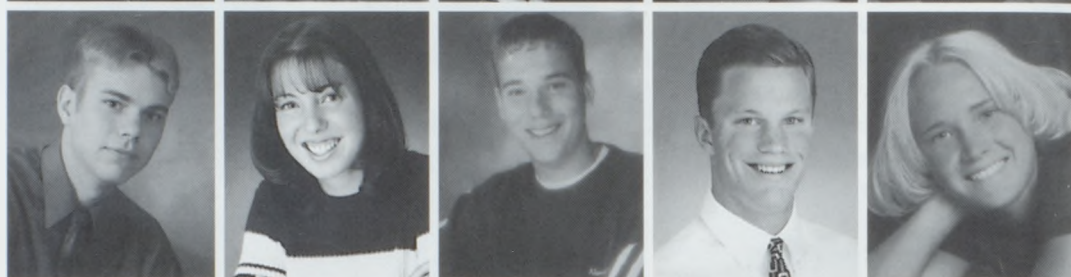
"I can't do much, but if I really try I can stand on my hands and sing the national anthem. Actually, I can only sing parts of the national anthem, but that's all right because I can't stand on my hands too long. I don't really like to show people this in public."

-Meghann Wiig

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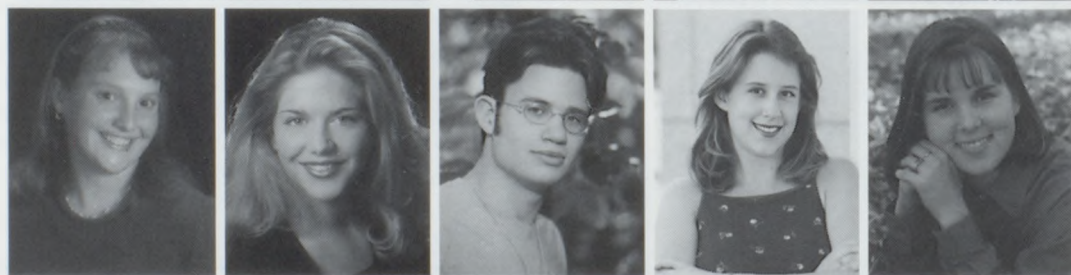
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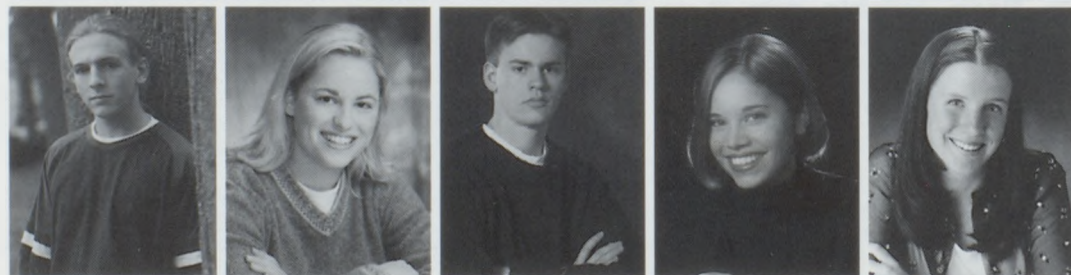
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Premiere Events

As memories of the past grew with each passing day, many found their "firsts" the most meaningful

First timers

1 Daily grind of a job. A first job is an introduction into the working world. Many students worked at a part-time job after school or on the weekends. "I work as a cashier at Dahl's. I like (my job) because I get to interact with the customers," said Sadie Braune.

2 Confronting fears. Walking into the high school for the first time was a nerve-racking experience for some students. There was the normal school jitters. "I was so lost. I had no clue where my classes were," said Michelle Vacco. "I felt rushed for time."

3 Hearts pounding. The first time those flashing red lights are visible from the rear-view mirror, an instant flash of fear swept over one. Many students have been stopped by the police for speeding. "I drove down Merle Hay and got pulled over going 45 mph," said Andy Briggs.

4 Partying the night away. Students found fun participating in school dances. One's first Homecoming was something to remember. "I had fun. I never went to a school dance before sophomore Homecoming," said Jason Stamps. "I just wasn't very social freshman year."

5 Sky-high nerves. A first date can be both an exciting and scary experience for everyone involved. Emily Baker had mixed feelings on a first date. "I was kinda nervous, but I knew the guy from work," said Baker. "I was also really excited to go on a date with him."

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• Driving blind

- In her car, Maggie Marcucci glances over her left shoulder
- before accelerating out of the lot
- during one of her free class periods.
- Driving by herself for the first time was a huge event for Marcucci. "My first time driving)
- I drove my dad's really old car and
- when I was a few blocks from my house, I noticed that everything
- on the dash board wasn't working
- quite right," said Marcucci. "I didn't have a speedometer or
- gauges of any kind." photo by Sarah Sauber



"(The first time that) I was in 'in school' (was memorable) because I was in trouble for going out to lunch. Mr. (Marty) Harswick was sick so we were able to leave 'in school' at noon after we had already spent the morning playing charades."

-Karla Mills

"I remember the first time that I had self-scheduling. It was in the old gym. You had to walk around to the teachers and sign up for each class. It was in the summer before school had started and I was nervous because there were so many people and I hardly knew anyone."

-Stephanie Strack



"The first night with my car my mom gave me a copy set of the keys. I went to the movie theater. When the movie was over I went to start my car and it wouldn't start. I had to call my mom around midnight to bring the other set of keys so I could drive home."

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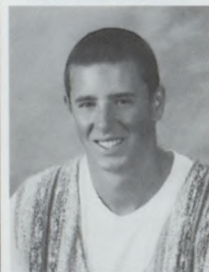
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High school highlights

1 Crazy competition. High school can be filled with memorable events. One of these was Rock Around the Clock. "Rock Around the Clock was my favorite high school activity," said Brent Loss. "My team all wore camo pants and painted black lines under our eyes."

2 Bonding time. Everyone has had times that brought them together with other students. For Phil Gauthier, swing choir provided an opportunity to do just that. "(In swing choir) you get to meet new people and you grow a bond with everyone," said Gauthier.

3 A little break. Though many things changed, some were better left untouched. Early dismissal days proved to be a nice tradition. "I like the way they've stuck with early dismissals," said Rosemary Wilson. "It gives me time to go home and get things done."

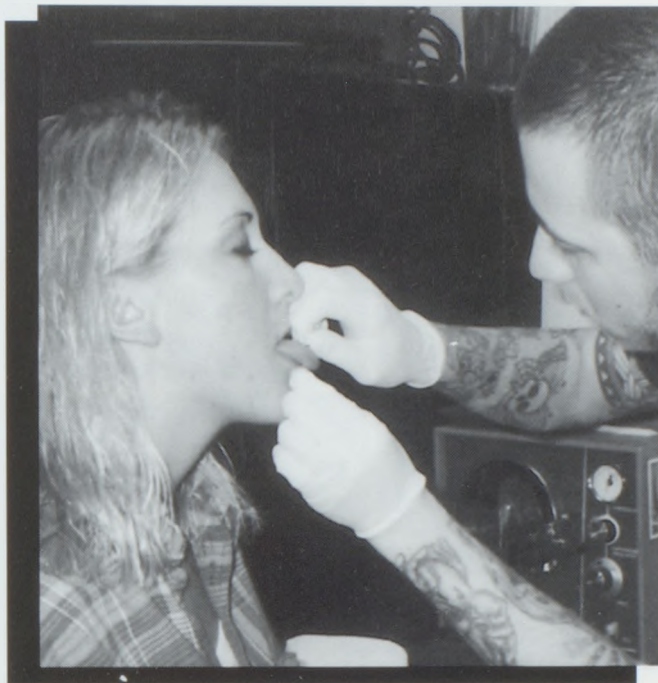
4 Memorable meals. Some restaurants brought back memories of great meals shared with friends. For Marty Reis, it was the China Cafe in Johnston. "I have gone there with my friends most every early dismissal throughout high school," said Reis.

5 Final freedom. Though many seniors enjoyed their final year, looking forward to college was also very exciting. To Wendy Dennis, knowing that she was heading off to college was the best thing about being a senior. "I get to do my own thing and get out there on my own," said Dennis.

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Favorite parts of high school were like pages that could be turned to over and over in a scrapbook of memories

Best of the Best



• Under the needle

• Closing her eyes, Nicole Lemke shakes as the barbell is pulled through her tongue. "Karen Rufer and I just wanted to do something daring but not permanent together," said Lemke. "It didn't hurt as much as I thought it would." Megan O'Banion and Emily Meyer also went together when they got their belly buttons pierced. "It's something that's temporary and if you get tired of it down the road, you can take it out," said O'Banion. "I think that's why it appeals to people. It's not like a tattoo where it's permanent." Body piercing was among many fads including huge flannels, tie-dye clothes, puffy coats, Dr. Martens shoes, flare jeans, WWJD bracelets, carpenter jeans, chains and dyed hair. *photo by Michelle Norton*



"Prom (was my favorite dance in high school) because it was at the end of the year and was a bonding time for a lot of people. It brought back a lot of memories from earlier years. Afterprom was fun too because we all just got to hang out."

-Jill Palensky

"The best school field trip I've taken was my sophomore year when I went with the band to St. Louis for a competition and also to Six Flags. It was lots of fun because a lot of my friends were there and we got to stay in a big hotel and just have fun together."

-Brenton Gray



"My freshman year was my favorite year because it was all so new and exciting, plus all my upperclassmen friends were still here. As a freshman, I was slightly intimidated because of the rumors you hear from middle school, but I looked up to (the seniors) at the same time."

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Growing Together

Sandbox kids began school with each other and continued to learn with one another until graduation

Sandbox memories

1 Social skills. Seniors saw benefits in going to the same school all their life. Many said they were able to become friends with a lot of people. Tyelene Cervetti said, "You know everyone really well because you've grown up together, but sometimes you get to know people too well."

2 Lack of diversity. Attending only one school district also had disadvantages to students. Some felt they missed out on experiences. Sara Madison said, "You don't get to see what other schools are like. All I know about is Johnston and I don't have anything else to compare it to."

3 Time out. Some agreed that one of their favorite parts of the day was recess. This gave time for students to take a break from class and wear off energy. "I think recess was my favorite class because that is when I used to chase all the girls around the village at Lawson," said Rory Flynn.

4 Worthy challenges. In elementary school, many students were rewarded when their class was good. Megan Sheeks said, "Second grade with Mrs. (Rhonda) Carpenter was my favorite, because she let us fill a jar up with marbles and when it was full we got to have a party."

5 Sleepless nights. Many spent their time outside of school playing with friends. Some went to friends' houses to get together. Megan Lehman said, "In first grade, Jessikah Smeltzer and I always spent the night at Samantha Ardnt's house and we used to make up dances to songs."

spread by Melissa Miller



• Tea for two

- As kindergartners, Amy Palmer and Shelly Sheldahl have a picnic with their dolls at Palmer's house.
- Sheldahl said, "We were best friends until about fifth grade when we grew apart." The two attended church and went to birthday parties together throughout elementary school.
- Palmer and Sheldahl were also friends with Stephanie Strack.
- "John Parenza gave us the name the Gruesome Threesome because we always hung out together," said Sheldahl. photo by Nancy Porter



"I remember in sixth grade when Marty Reis opened up his carton of milk at lunch one day and he spilled all over himself and the table. Then when the lunch lady came over to yell at him, he tried to tell her that he was framed by his friends."

-Dan Korte

"In second through fourth grade, my friends and I had a gang called the Scorpions. Nick Touch, Tony Peterson and (former student) Justin Williams were also in the gang. We mostly hung around with each other and talked about causing trouble."

-Jon Foley



"I used to enjoy playtime a lot when I was in kindergarten, because I was six and was easily amused. We used to rotate to different stations in Mrs. (Adrienne) Ulbrich's room, and then we would play with a different toy each day for an hour and a half. It was fun."

-Pat Midtlyng

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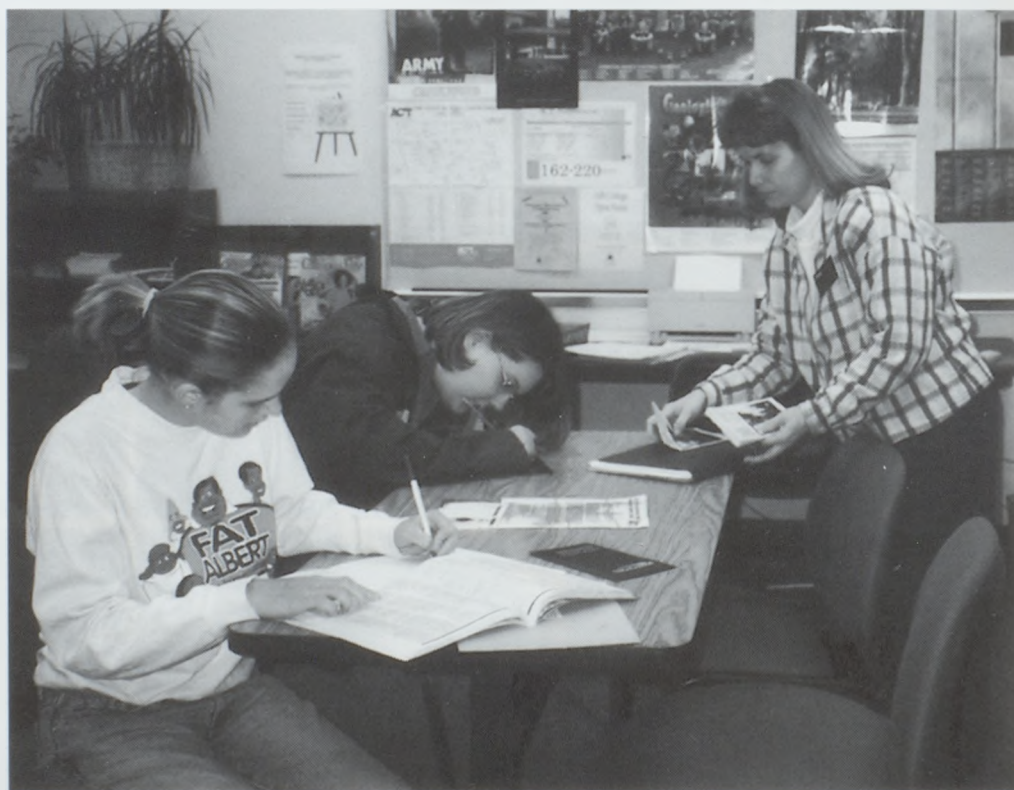


Justin Jerome Zortman



Applying for the future

Getting further in their preparation procedures for college, Katie Poston fills out an application for Dollars for Scholars as Jennifer Schlueter works with a DMACC representative. Filling out scholarship applications and talking to college representatives were some of the many things seniors did in the guidance office before graduation in May. One of the options students had for scholarships was Dollars for Scholars. Dollars for Scholars was a community based foundation that awarded scholarships to seniors wishing to attend a college or trade school. *photo by Sarah Sauber*



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Money matters

1 Following the lead. Cassie Christensen saved for college for her entire life. "My great grandmother didn't go to college. Since then it has been a strong family tradition for a woman to have a good education and that is why I started saving at such a young age."

2 Last minute savings. While other students had saved for the future for a very long time, others have not even started to plan to save. "I am relying on scholarships and I am planning on working during the summer to help me pay for college," said Lisa Oviatt.

3 Alternate route. Some students chose to embark on the career journey instead of going to college. "I am working full-time at CompUSA in West Des Moines and I am getting married in the summer. I am living in a nice apartment and leading a normal life," said Jaison Molayal.

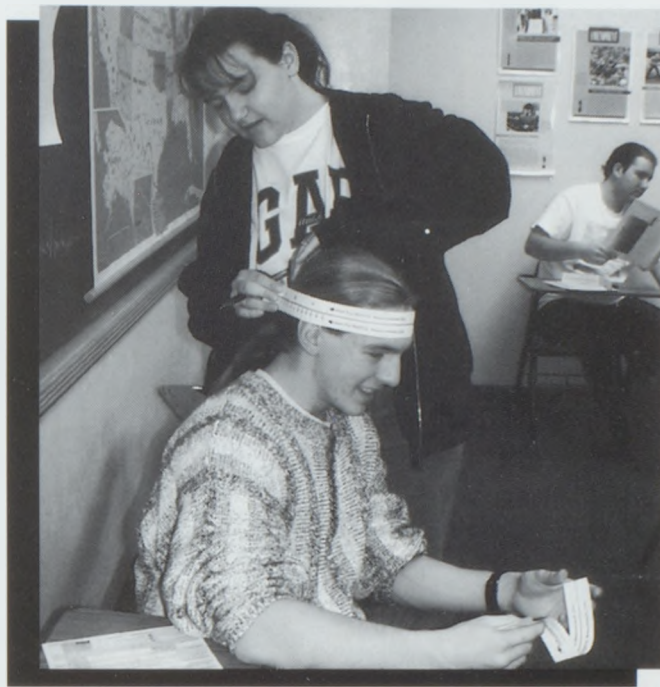
4 Family foundation. Some students had been saving ever since they received their first check from grandma and grandpa while others put it to use. Sara Schnotola said she received her first check from her grandparents on her 16th birthday. She then put it toward a car.

5 Pricey preparations. There is an enormous list of things a student needed to purchase as they went off to college. Graduation items, books, room and board and the cost of the expensive college courses. "The thing that I would want the most for my dorm is a computer," said Brooke Music.

spread by Matt McCrea

Widening the Wad

As graduation approached and college came into view, many began to save money instead of spending it



• Calculating the dimensions

- Measuring around the head of Nate Monroe, Jessi Henning sizes Monroe's head for his graduation cap. "It's really exciting to buy the caps and all the other graduation items, but the cost of all the stuff is expensive. It is just something that we need to have. Gowns and caps are not as expensive compared to invitations and all the other packages that Herff Jones has to offer. But by buying all of this, it will bring a lot of memories in the future," said Henning. photo by Michelle Norton



"I spend most of my money on gasoline and for other car needs because it is important for me to get to and from all of my school activities. I work hard at the Urbandale Hy-Vee to pay for my insurance and gas and whatever is left over I spend it shopping."

-Andrea Bean

"My money goes toward my entertainment and food. When I go out with friends, I sometimes spend it on movies or pizza. I have a job as a waiter and my paycheck goes toward my entertainment and the tips go toward my college education."

-Steve Good



"Most of my money at the moment is going toward my big spring break trip. The trip is very important to me because I am going with my friends and it is our first trip that we will be going on without parental supervision. We are going to Cancun."

-Lauren Conway

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A place to call home

Bedrooms were messy, clean, cluttered or theme-guided. They were a little piece of the person and just as individualized as those who dwelled in them.

Bedrooms were a part of most everyone's life, regardless of whether people just slept there or made it their dwelling spot. "A room can tell you almost everything you want to know about a person," said senior Joel Ashby. "What they are like, what they do. It's all in their room."

Some students lived in a theme-guided room, whereas others just filled their rooms with various other things. "I surround myself with Metallica posters. It makes my room more cool and comfortable," said freshman Ryan King.

Whether or not the room was clean told what kind of organization skills the person had. "My bedroom can get really messy. I mean so messy no one wants to go in there," says freshman Nathan Wylie. "After I get it clean, it stays that way for a while, but not long."

Bedrooms were located in various parts of the house, depending on the occupant's preferences. "I live upstairs. At night the moon shines in my room because there are no trees to get in the way. It helps me go to sleep at night," said junior Jason Wheeler. *spread by Ted Rives*



In the Lions' den

Junior Scott Vermulm talks on the phone after turning off the television. "I am the biggest Lions fan," said Vermulm. "I like my room because no one else has such a tribute to Barry Sanders." *photo by Sarah Straw*

Notable Insights

-According to Ekcards Carpet the average floor space for a bedroom is 175 square feet. It averages out to be a 12 ft. x 14 ft. with a little closet space left over.

-Junior Stephanie Peterson's bedroom walls are littered with the handprints and signatures of most of her friends. She has had 22 signatures, 62 sayings and 15 handprints on her walls over the past two years.

-There were 42 separate articles of clothing found lying around in senior Matt Henrichs' bedroom. Jeans, khakis, shirts and socks accounted for most of them. There were only four pairs of underwear.



photo by Ted Rives

I make sure I put my skates and tools away when I'm done using them. I want to keep my room organized that way I don't lose anything.

*Travis Pugh,
freshman*



Dirty work

Picking up some clothes off her floor, senior Andrea Westover decides to hang them in her closet. "I don't spend time in my room other than sleeping or dressing, so it doesn't get picked up much," said Westover. *photo by Rives*



Studying hard

Flipping through her chemistry book, sophomore Kristi Kramer crams for a quiz. Kramer's room was decked out with Disney paraphernalia from 101 Dalmatians to Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. *photo by Ted Rives*



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Earning *their keep*

Students learned to accept the responsibility of a job along with the stresses of academic life. Besides earning extra cash, students also learned how to balance their many obligations.

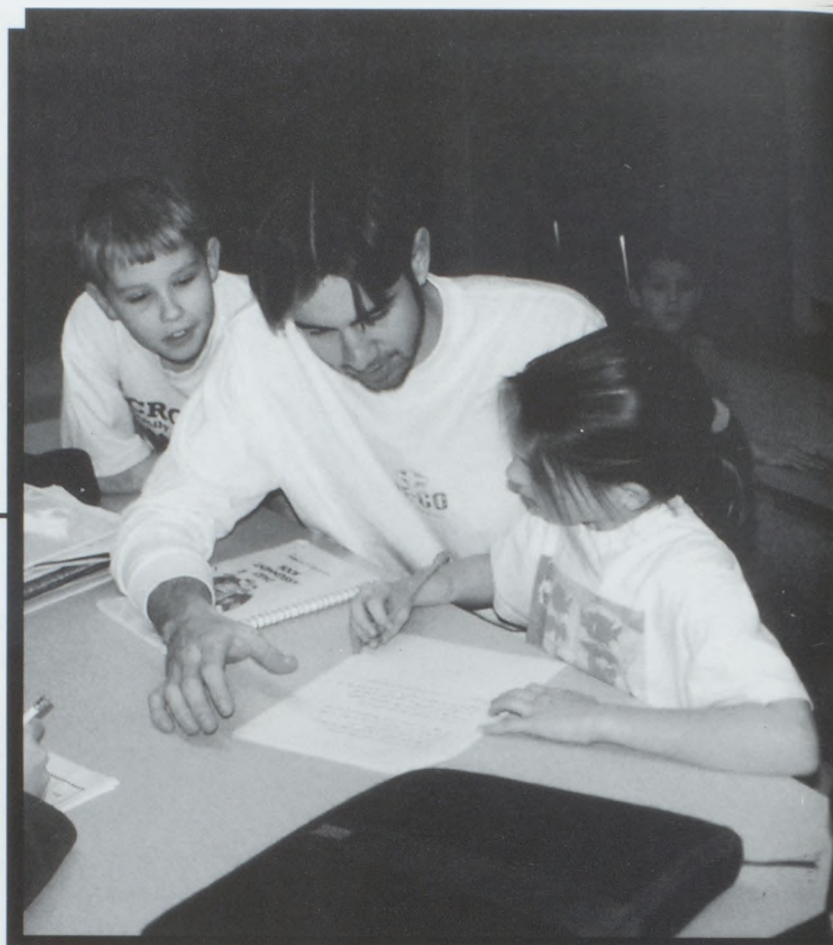
Face it, everybody needed money, money that could be put toward clothes, cars and college to name a few.

Sophomore Van Holmgren saved over five hundred dollars since he began working at Wynnsong 16 theatre, which opened in May of 1998. "I spend the money I earn on shoes, clothes and women," said Holmgren.

Not all people work just for the sole purpose of earning cash. "I love my co-workers," said sophomore Jenny Holland, who worked at the Great Clips in Johnston. "They are the main reason why I work. I also love the interaction that I get with the customers."

One may think that it would be hard to juggle both a job and school but as junior Steve Rude said, it is not as hard as it seems. "I get to do my homework at my job, so I don't have a lot of trouble making time for academics." Rude worked at the Soccer and Sports Center on Merle Hay Road.

Whether students were telling people to take their feet off the seats at Wynnsong or sweeping up hair at Great Clips, many found ways to earn a little extra cash. *spread by Sarah Straw*



Encouraging words

While working at Kids' Connection, senior Jess Wagner helps fifth grader Abbey Dierks with her homework, while fourth grader Bryce Kubie looks on. Wagner has worked there for four years. *photo by Sarah Straw*

Notable Insights

-Minimum wage was \$5.15.

-Out of 110 employees at the Johnston Hy-Vee, 32 of them attend Johnston High School.

- The teen work force in the U.S. is estimated at five million people.

-Out of 4,596 sales clerks in Iowa, the average salary was \$5.82.

-Under Iowa law, children under 16 cannot work before 7 a.m. or after 7 p.m.

Facts three and four from www.iowalabourlaws.com



photo by Sarah Straw

At Martina Place, our job is to act like the residents' mom in a way. We remind them of meal times, activities and when to take their medicine.

*Deanne Danielson,
sophomore*



Sack it up

While working at Dahl's, freshman Justin Cook sacks a customer's groceries. Cook had been working at Dahl's for three months. He planned to buy a car with his earnings. *photo by Sarah Straw*



Comforting the kitten

Junior Emily Sloan holds one of the cats staying at Sullivan Family Pet Hospital. Sloan's favorite part of her job was being able to work with the animals. She liked caring for the cats and the dogs best. *photo by S. Straw*



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Together side by side

Despite busy schedules and different activities, siblings still found many ways to spend time together. Some had much in common and enjoyed each others' company, while others avoided one another.

Having a sibling there by your side and always willing to hang out had its ups and downs. "We don't do much together, but (sophomore) Mike (Fagan) is my best friend," said sophomore Brian Fagan. "He is true in what he says. It is like an instant reality check all day long."

While some siblings enjoyed talking, others enjoyed being together. "My favorite part of having (senior) Dennis (Dane) in the same grade is I always have someone to do something with," said senior Ellen Dane. "The only bad thing is that sometimes when we go to the mall or different places, people will think we are dating."

Having a sibling could be hard if they were different. "Nick (Munoz, senior) is like Superman. He dresses nice in khakis and never gets yelled at," said sophomore Marc Munoz. "That would make me the villain. I never dress as nice and I always get yelled at."

Sometime in their lives siblings ended up going their separate ways, however some were inseparable. "We might be going to the same school next year," said senior Natalie Grimm. "It will be nice to still be with (senior) Nicole." *spread by Tara McGowan*



Fused together

Getting ready in the morning, senior Bridget and freshman Beth Bond share a bathroom. Junior Jenny also jammed into the same room. "We blow a lot of fuses in the morning," said Bridget. *photo by Tara McGowan*

Notable Insights

* The most multiple births in one family was four sets of quadruplets. In another family a woman gave birth to 15 sets of triplets. Sixteen twins were born in another family.

-There were eight families who had three siblings attending the high school.

-Out of 1,082 students there were 17 sets of twins. There were two sets in the freshman class and five sets in each of the sophomore, junior and senior classes.

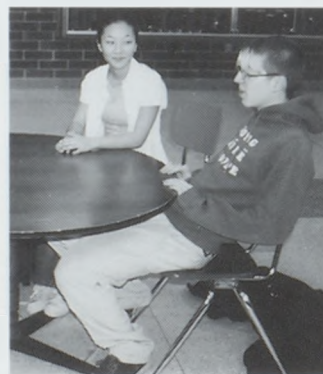
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We have a lot of fun together at home. Lindsey (Simmerman, sophomore) and I don't really tell jokes much but we laugh a lot and pretty much just act like retards.

*Dustin Simmerman,
junior*



Making small talk

Sitting in the commons, sophomore Reuben and his freshman sister Kim Vanderkwaak wait after school for their ride. "Waiting together goes faster with someone to talk to," said Reuben. *photo by Michelle Collignon*



Double surprise

Unstuffing their stockings on Christmas, junior Shannon and sister sophomore Katie McLaughlin continue a tradition they have been doing since they were little girls. *photo by Danny McLaughlin*



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Savoring the last bite

Whether going out to a restaurant with friends or eating lunch in the school cafeteria, students found different ways to have fun while performing the necessary act of filling up their stomachs.

Since everyone had to eat, the lunch period became a good point in the day for many students to get the food they wanted while socializing with their friends. "I always look forward to lunch, because it's a break from concentrating in class, and I like being with my friends," said freshman Dominique Mondesir.

With three different lunch times, students began eating as early as 11:06 a.m. Some had to eat split lunch halfway through their fifth hour class, while others had to wait until 12:44 p.m. "Since I have a block class I have to wait until last lunch to eat. It is horrible because I watch the clock for the last half hour of class while my stomach is grumbling and think about how hungry I am," said junior Nick Konz.

Even though students complained about the different lunch times, some dreaded the fact of going to lunch. "Since I was new this year, I was scared for the lunch time to come, because I didn't know if I would know anyone in the lunch or where I was even going to sit. But I'm sure that's normal for any new student," said junior Becky McGrath. *spread by Stephanie Strack*



Self-serve

Filling up her drink, freshman Meghann Johnson makes a stop at Subway to eat. Subway was a common place for students to go because of its proximity to the school. *photo by Alyssa Ranney*

Notable Insights

-People in the U.S. devour more than 18 billion quarts of popped popcorn every year, which equals 73 quarts per person.

-Babe Ruth once ate 12 hot dogs and drank eight bottles of soda between a double header. Then he went to the hospital for indigestion.

-Men generally prefer smooth peanut butter while women prefer chunky peanut butter.

-On average a McDonald's Big Mac bun has about 178 sesame seeds.

Taken from www.wellesley.edu



photo by Nicole Frank

I usually eat in the lunch room even though I am a senior because the 25 minutes we have for lunch isn't enough time to go out to eat. Plus, I save money by eating here.

*Aaron Wych.
senior*



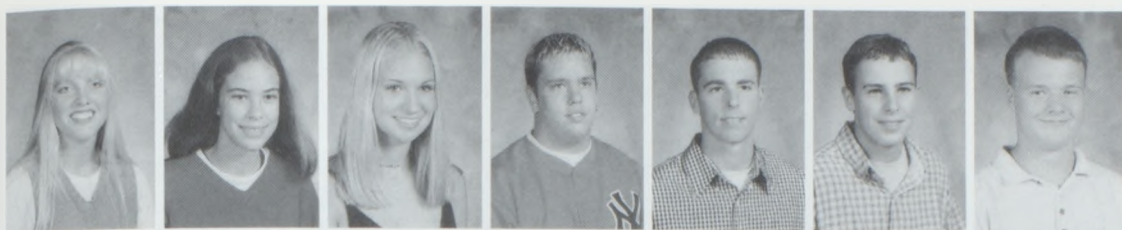
Dish up the food

Spooning noodles onto her plate, junior Carrie Davis goes through the pasta bar. The pasta bar was one of the alternatives to hot lunch offered on Fridays. *photo by Nicole Frank*



Shovel it in

Freshman Elliot Imes takes a bite of his sandwich. Imes was one of the few students who chose to bring a sack lunch. *photo by Michelle Collington*



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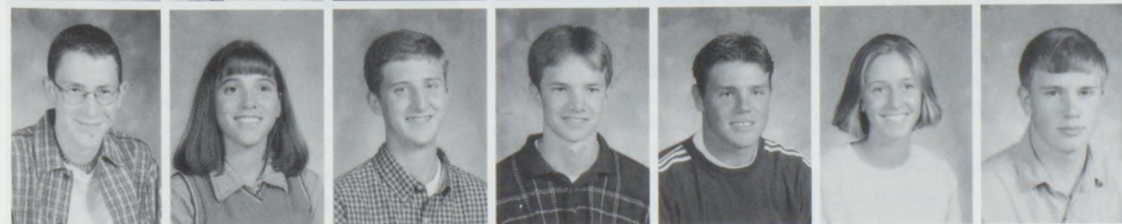
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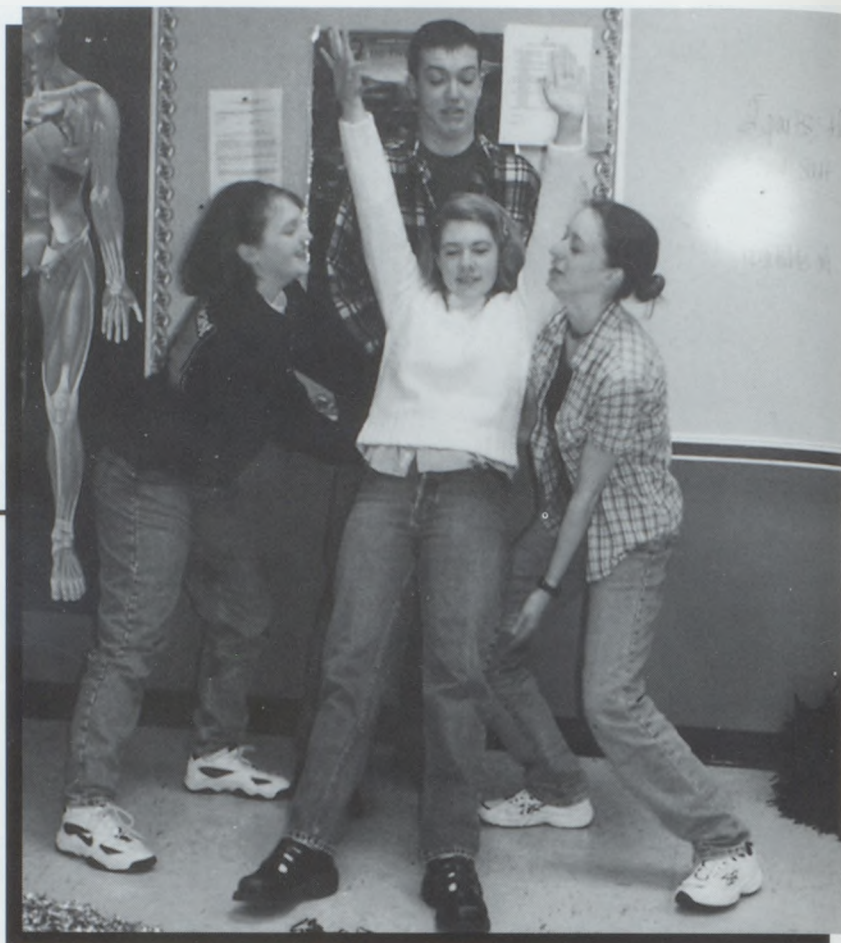
Extra performances and more members were some of the ways that Safety Kids were able to educate a greater number of kids about the dangers of drugs, alcohol and talking to strangers.

Safety Kids members added more performances to better inform elementary students of common risks. In the past, the group only had one significant performance which was during Red Ribbon Week. Members who did not think this was enough, such as senior Sarah Meston, scheduled more appearances for their group.

Some of the groups changed the way they presented information to kids. Senior Cassie Christensen was in a personal safety group. "Since we're getting new members this year, we're just going to dance and not sing to the tape. It's too much pressure to have to learn the words and motions to new music," said Christensen.

At the end of their performances, kids were allowed to ask questions. Senior Katie Barnett said, "We were telling the kids not to take drugs from anybody, no matter who it was. One kid asked what to do if a green monster told him he had to take drugs or else he'd eat him. It was hard not to laugh."

Director Stacy Vaughn said that Safety Kids was a way to provide little kids with good role models that they can look up to. *spread by Megan Stetson*



Helping friends

By catching senior Katie Barnett as she falls, seniors Sarah Meston, Aaron Atkinson and Amanda Sellers demonstrate the meaning of the song entitled "If You Think Your Friend's in Trouble." *photo by Megan Stetson*

Notable Insights

-There were four groups of Safety Kids that performed: Two were personal safety groups and the other two were drug awareness groups.

-Members started the year by having two groups perform for the Lawson and Wallace Elementary Schools during Red Ribbon Week in October.

-Twenty-one students were members of Safety Kids.

-According to Mrs. Stacy Vaughn, who has been the director of Safety Kids for the past three years, Safety Kids had to pledge to be drug and alcohol-free.



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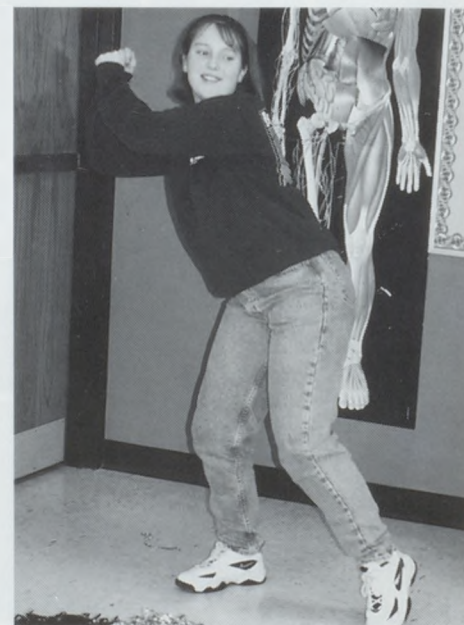
This song is called 'Go For a Natural High.' I like it because we've got fun choreography and use props that the kids enjoy. We enjoy (the props) quite a bit, too.

*Amanda Sellers.
senior*



"All You Gotta Say is No"

Seniors Aaron Atkinson and Amanda Sellers sing, "Look at any little baby, they can say it by the time they're two," as they pretend to hold babies. The song's purpose was to teach kids to say no to drugs. *photo by M. Stetson*



Playing ball

Swinging an imaginary bat, senior Sarah Meston sings to the song "Go for a Natural High." Baseball was one of the alternative activities suggested to do instead of drugs. *photo by Megan Stetson*



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Jacque Timmons
Joe Townsend
Barret Tucker
Sarah Tuttle
Adam Twedt



Chris Uchtyl
Jeremy Van Oort
Scott Vermulm
Anne Waller
Adam Walz
Melissa Ward
Monroe Wardlow



Dawn Warner
Sarah Warner
Adam Watkins
Marah Weigel
Nicole Weirich
Jason Wheeler
Ben Wicks



Leah Wieland
Joanna Wilson
Spencer Wise
Molly Wohl
Christine Ybarra
Mike Yeoman
Amy Young

Pump up the crowd

Students attended different sporting events to cheer on friends, teammates and to socialize. Athletes thrived on the encouragement which helped them perform better.

Having support from the crowd while participating in sports was an important factor in how an athlete performed. "The more support I have from the crowd watching me, the better I'll do," said freshman Ramsey Midkiff, who was involved in football.

Sophomore Matt O'Hollearn also liked having a crowd supporting him. "As an athlete myself, I know how important it is to have a crowd cheering me on, so I try to do the same." O'Hollearn attended most football and basketball games to watch his brother, senior Pat O'Hollearn.

Fans were not only important to athletes. "Cheerleaders need fans too because without them we couldn't cheer our best. We need a crowd to respond to our cheers," said junior Michelle Cattoor, a basketball cheerleader.

Athletes and cheerleaders were not the only ones who attended games. Students also went to socialize and cheer on the team. "I go to games on Friday nights because my friends are there and it's fun to cheer and socialize at the same time," said sophomore Lindsay Smith. *spread by Ally Maas*



Go, Marcus, go

Standing on the edge of the pool, freshmen Brian Johnson, Jon Ellis, Aaron Creger and Danny Norton encourage their teammate, junior Marcus Iwig, at a meet against Ames. *photo by Michelle Norton*



Gannon 4 life

Sophomore Troy Peterson, graduate Chris Logue and junior Jeremy VanOort cheer on senior wrestler Jeremy Gannon during a meet against Urbandale. *photo by Genevieve Ramsay*

Notable Insights

-One hundred fifteen students filled up two pep buses and journeyed to the Five Seasons Center in Cedar Rapids for the state volleyball tournament.

-The Johnston wrestling Invitational brought in an estimated total of 350 fans.

-There was an estimated total of 3,500 fans to have been at the homecoming football game against Urbandale.

-Thirty-one students attended the parent's night swim meet against Ames.



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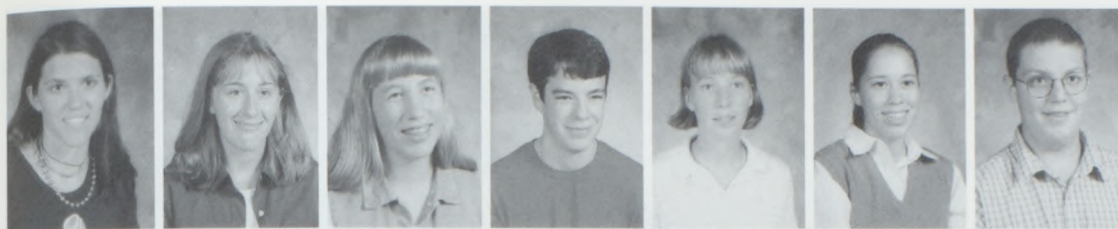
The main reason I like to attend basketball games is because it's my favorite sport and I played back home too. I've learned that it's different here.

*Elgida Radenciipi,
Albanian exchange student*



Watching in awe

Concentrating on the play, sophomore Chris Goode watches the boys' basketball game against Marshalltown while junior Ryan Burnley pauses from eating his popcorn. *photo by Michelle Norton*



Emily Adams
Katie Albrecht
Alanna Allen
Wes Anderson
Elizabeth Andrews
Therese Arnott
Tim Atkinson



Meredith Avaux
Jeremy Bacino
Reed Baessler
Matt Baker
David Batchelder
Kyle Beach
Shane Behanish



Jessica Behnke
Kelsey Bell
Steve Benn
Matt Berens
Mimi Berglund
Kaylin Bird
Sara Bjornson



Chris Black
Ben Blackmon
Matt Boever
Joel Borwick
Kari Boscaljon
Jacob Bottoms
Josh Boyd



Ian Bradt
Ryan Brantley
Victoria Brenton
Justin Brewer
Chris Briles
Curtis Brown
Neal Buenz



Jim Burch
Rob Burnett
Lisette Cabrera
Lynne Caldwell
Mike Cameron
Kris Campbell
Amber Caponi



Chris Castellano
Rachelle Cervetti
Ayrel Clark
Heather Clarkson
Hannah Cline
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Board out of their minds

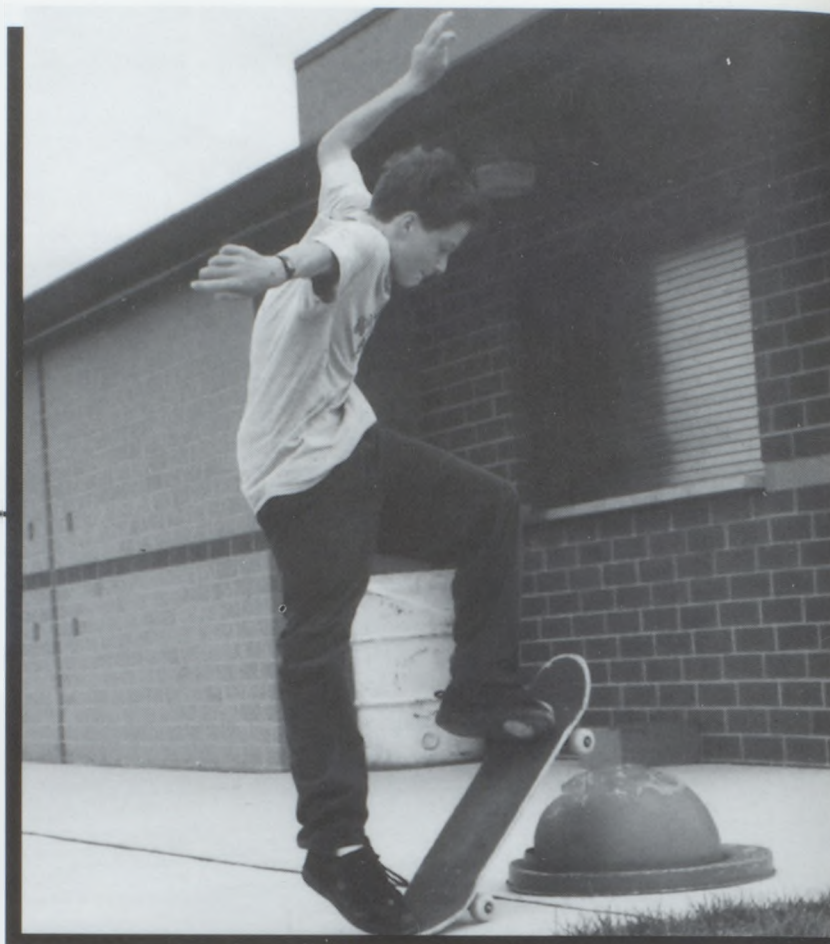
Students gave skateboarding and snowboarding a chance. Whether they were participating or just watching from a distance, kids joined in on the boarding craze.

In the snow or in the sun, students busted out their boards to show off their moves. From summer to fall skateboarders took over any patch of cement they could find. Freshman Adam Horning said, "It's always a perfect time to skate, as long as it's not freezing or raining."

Weather permitting, many skaters cruised through the parking lot. "I don't mind the skateboarders except when they bump into my car and put pop on it, but that has only happened to me once," said senior Kevin Walters about a mishap between a skater and his car.

When skateboarding stopped, snowboarding started. Along with the winter storms came boarding boys and girls ready to frolic in the snow. "It's good to get up in the morning and see a fresh blanket of snow, grab your board and hit the slopes," said freshman Megan O'Donnell.

Camp Dodge was a popular spot to snowboard. It was close by with free admission. Junior Andy Clark said, "Sometimes we set up ramps at the golf course and bust out 180's until someone yells at us to get off the private property." *spread by Jen Wiley*



Garbage pail kid

Showing off his moves, freshman Ben Slattery attempts to ollie over a trash can lid. One of Slattery's tricks resulted in a broken foot, which he did not have examined for four weeks after it happened. *photo by Jen Wiley*



Tough decisions

Taking advantage of the nice weather, sophomore Joel Borwick skates after school. "I'm not too good (at skateboarding) but it keeps me busy when I have nothing to do," said Borwick. *photo by Jen Wiley*

Notable Insights

-Skateboarders could go to Skate South to learn and show off their skateboarding tricks for the price of \$3 on weekdays and \$5 on the weekends.

-Skaters were out at all hours of the day. Senior Dusty Peterson was out until 3:00 a.m. on some nights.

-According to Boulevard Sports, snowboarders spent from \$650 to \$700 on average on snowboarding gear including the board, bindings and boots.

-Places to snowboard legally included Sleepy Hollow, Seven Oaks and Waveland.



photo by Jen Wiley

Whenever I snowboard, I get a mind blank from the minute I go off a jump until I land. If I fall then I don't remember that either.

*Tim Boesenberg.
senior*



Wax on, wax off

Senior Jennifer White applies wax to her snowboard. "To keep my board slicing through the snow I have to keep it sharp and smooth. So I wax it after every couple outings," said White. *photo by Jen Wiley*



Kristin Demanett
Curtis Dillon
Matt Donaldson
Savannah Douglas
Nathan Durbin
Heidi Emmerich
Jodi Eng



Chris Evans
Brian Fagan
Mike Fagan
Michelle Fergesen
Jake Ferguson
Sara Fisher
Katie Flatt



Julie Floersch
Josten Foley
Andrea Forbes
Kelly Ford
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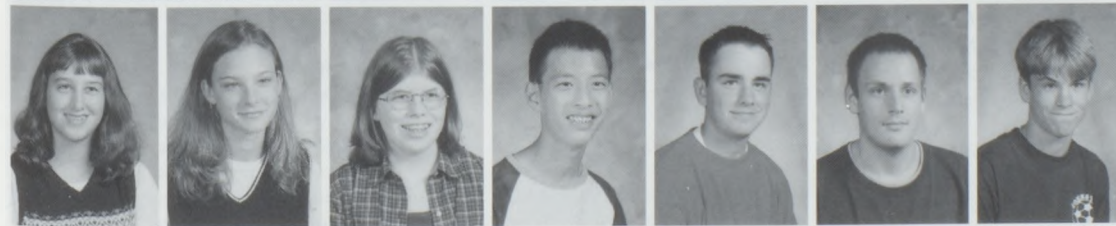
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Molly Haight
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Mandy Hargens



Eric Harnack
Emily Harper
Aaron Haug
Andy Heffling
Emily Hoffman
Jenny Holland
Van Holmgren



Kim Holt
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Heather House
Alex Hsu
Brian Huff
David Huth
Ryan Hyde

Starting your engines

Although cars provided convenient transportation, they also posed hazards for those who were not cautious on the road and created frustrations for those unable to drive.

Cars filled the roads and parking lots, proving their value for students on the go. But not every student had the luxury of driving himself or herself to and from school. Some had to find alternative modes of transportation. Sophomore Natalie White said, "It's annoying not to have a car because I have to find a ride from a friend or wait for the bus."

Cars also brought hazards to those who were careless on the road. "(Senior) Eric Downing wasn't watching and ran into my brother (junior Steve Adkisson) at 45 mph in front of Quizno's. The cars were really messed up and Eric was bleeding," said senior Tim Adkisson.

Three accidents occurred in front of the school in September and October. Junior Nicki Weirich was involved in a seven car pile up the first week in October. "Including the pile up, I was in three accidents in two weeks. My friends didn't want to give me a ride anywhere, because they thought I was a jinx," said Weirich.

While some students found cars produced more headaches than helpfulness, others found them to be simple solutions for hectic lives. *spread by Amelia Groetsch*



Between the lines

Arriving at school, senior Jenna Matkins carefully opens her door to avoid hitting another car. Parking problems led to discussions in homerooms about solutions for the packed lots. *photo by A. Groetsch*



Time to shine

Wiping the hood, freshman Erika Anthony polishes her Jeep in her driveway. Anthony's dad bought her the Wrangler as a surprise in the summer, allowing her to learn how to drive a stick shift. *photo by Amelia*

Notable Insights

-Parking hang tags cost \$2 and could be purchased in the attendance office. These tags allowed students to park in the east and north lots and the tennis court lot with special permission. Approximately 200 tags were sold at the beginning of the school year.

-The east parking lot was repaved and the spacing lines were repainted the second weekend in August.

-Four hundred seventy six parking tickets were given out first semester. They cost \$5 dollars a piece and students had to pay them before taking semester finals.



photo by Amelia Groetsch

I started rebuilding engines in sixth grade, but this is the first truck I bought to restore alone. I'm taking out the old engine and putting in a new one.

*Wes Anderson,
sophomore*



Maintenance work

Refilling his car with windshield wiper fluid, junior Ryan Olson pours the blue liquid into its container beneath the hood of his car. Olson and his brother Jason (junior) had to share a car. *photo by Amelia Groetsch*

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Matt McCrea
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Tara McGowan
Chris McIntyre
Katie McLaughlin
Jessi McMillen
Rick Meade
Ryan Meredith
Ben Merrill

The mane event

With an unlimited array of selections, hairstyles went through dramatic changes for some, while others found their 'dos as consistent as they were the first day they stepped onto a school bus.

For some, deciding how to style their hair for a normal school day was one of the biggest decisions of the morning, while for others, it would not even cross their minds. However, with the rapid changing of trends and the inner need for personal change in students these days, hair was a main accessory to one's look.

"I was sick of being like everyone else so I decided to dye my hair magenta. I just needed a change," said junior Mike Skinner.

Desire for a different look played a vital role in students' final decisions to change their 'do although xenophobia kicked in for those who could never bear the transition of their beloved "since-kindergarten" style.

"I have had the same haircut for pretty much my whole school life," said senior Nick Van Gundy. "I have never considered doing anything different. I'm too used to it to change it."

As time went by, so did the latest hair crazes as well as hair persistencies. This helped to create a diversity through self-expression beyond the call of clothing. *spread by Nicole Frank*



Extreme poofage

Sitting in boredom, freshman Whitney Armstrong blows a bubble. "My friends usually lay against my hair since it's just about as comfortable as a pillow," said Armstrong. *photo by Nicole Frank*

Notable Insights

-The entire population of Johnston High School went through approximately 7,574 bottles of shampoo within a school year considering the average number of bottles per person was seven.

-The average scalp consists of 100,000 strands of hair. Redheads, however, have the most sparse amount of hair with 80,000 strands. Out of the 223 seniors, 16 were redheads.

-The longest documented hair was 13 feet 10.5 inches. The longest hair at Johnston belonged to sophomore Natalie White whose hair measured 2 feet 5 inches.

*Information taken from The Guinness Book of World Records '97



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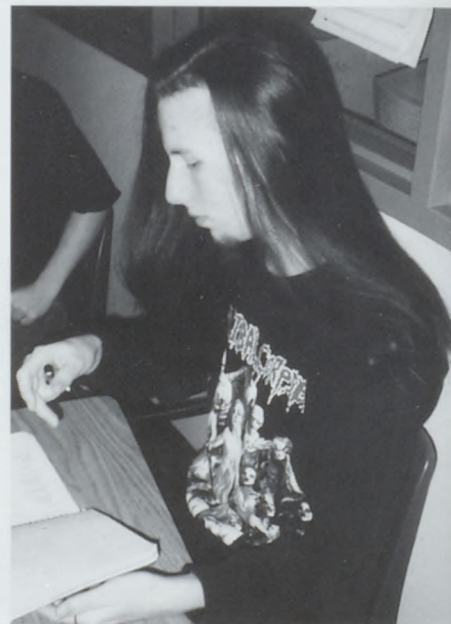
My hair plays such a strong role in my overall look that the hair accessories I put in my hair help to make or break my outfit for the day.

*Karen Rufer.
Senior*



Revealing roots

Loading groceries during work, junior Brandon Roth exposes his undyed roots. Roth, whose mom had a salon in his house, had colored his hair twelve times since 8th grade. *photo by Michelle Norton*



Lanky locks

Scanning his assignment, sophomore Cole Paskert displays his long hair. Paskert started growing his hair out in fifth grade. "Unless the need for short hair arises, I won't cut my hair," said Paskert. *photo by Nicole*



John Messerly
Aaron Meyer
Zachary Meyers
Ann Miller
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Monica Miller
Nathan Miller



Monica Montero
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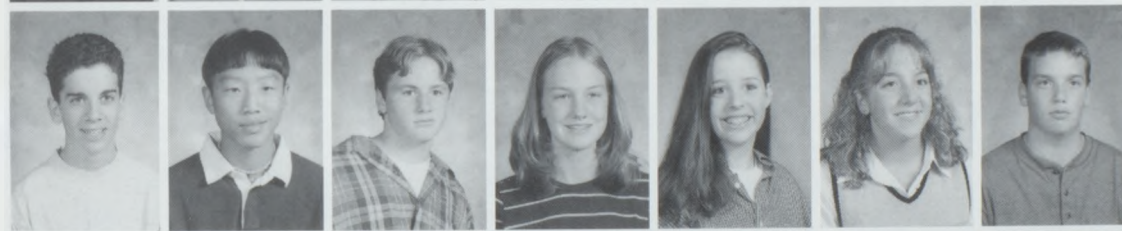
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Cathy Partington
Cole Paskert
Bob Patterson



Brad Paul
Michael Paul
Ann Peterson
Troy Peterson
Lindsay Phillips
Jon Pierce
Jonathon Pope



Mike Porto
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Alyssa Ranney
Chastina Ray
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Andrew Ryerson
Austin Sapienza
Sarah Sauber
Mark Schaad



Carrie Schlueter
David Schnotala
Amy Schoepf
Josh Schonhorst
Ellen Schoville
A.J. Schrader
Sondra Schreiber

Pursuing Interests

Allowing students to fill voids in their schedules and overcome the daily stress that went along with schoolwork, hobbies provided a much needed outlet.

In order to take their minds off their heavy homework loads and to relax themselves, students turned to their hobbies to keep them entertained and stress free.

Freshman Abby Dewitt liked to play sports in her free time. "Sports take your mind off of your homework for awhile. They help you deal with stress and lets you enjoy your hobby more," said Dewitt.

Although there may not have been a lot of time in a student's life, one still found time to enjoy activities that interested them. Some students collected items as a hobby.

Sophomore Allyson Kuebler collected key chains. "I just got them from people as souvenirs and I also buy them as souvenirs from all the places that I have been," said Kuebler. She has collected them since she was six. "My favorite key chains are the Taco Bell Chihuahua and the one I have of Texas, my favorite state."

Collecting baseball cards was also a hobby with the students. Freshman Brian Johnson collected cards, and said, "They may not mean much now, but later in life they will be worth a lot more." *spread by Matt McCrea*



Fiddlin' away

Tuning her violin, senior Holly Bidney practices her favorite piece by Vivaldi. She has played since she was five. "I started playing because I wanted to be like my sisters," said Bidney. *photo by Jennifer White*

Notable Insights

-*William B. Christensen of New Jersey had over 75,000 beer cans from 125 different countries, colonies and territories. Mrs. Mary Moermond collected wine bottles that she bought as souvenirs.

-There are about 2,300 PEZ dispensers in existence. The most expensive PEZ machine was Mr. Potato Head, worth \$5,000. The cost of a machine was about \$1.60.

-Sophomore Eric Hansen collected golf balls from various golf courses that he had been to. His favorite golf ball was his one from Pebble Beach.

.*Taken from The Guinness Book of World Records '97



photo by Matt McCrea

I like working with Networks. Networks connect computers to each other. I think it is fun to make different types of networks work together and be productive.

*Jason Olson.
junior*



Final details

Adding another coat to her plane, sophomore Ann Miller perfects her painting. "It is fun to do, plus it gives me something to do in my free time at my cabin," said Miller. *photo by Matt McCrea*



PEZ head

Sorting through his many PEZ dispensers, freshman Devin Frank organizes his machines. Frank owned over 250. His favorite one was his "Yappy Dog" which cost him \$70. *photo by Matt McCrea*



Sean Schrodtr
Tarah Schultz
Ryan Seaberg
Justin Serbus
Jami Shackelford
Alicia Shafer
Tiffany Shelby



Dustin Shelton
Robert Shumaker
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Lindsay Simmerman
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Chaundra Smith
Lindsay Smith
Sarah Smith



Paul Soderlund
Tristan Stanley
Ryan Stewart
Kris Stoner
Sarah Straw
Brandon Taylor
Maggie Tews



Rene Thoreson
Tara Thornton
Melissa Titus
Elizabeth Tometich
Amanda Touch
Matthew Treska
G.J. Tucker



John Van Horn
Royce Van Roekel
Reuben Vanderkwaak
Matt Volz
Jenna Von Bon
Mark Wagner
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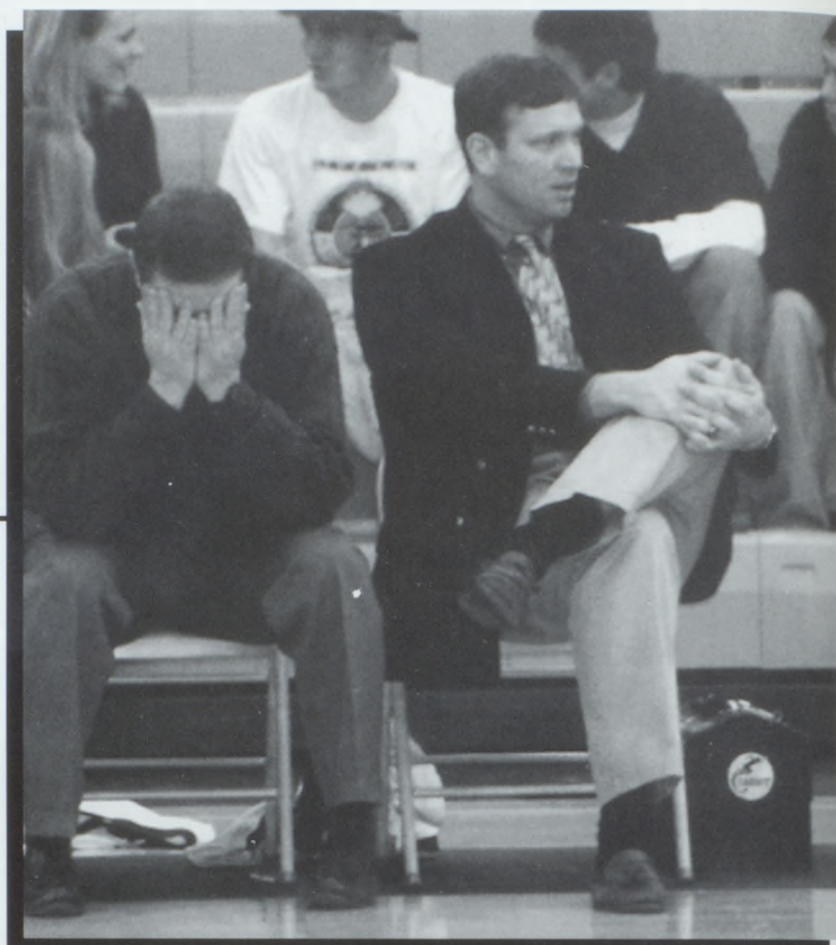
little by little

For most players, basic fundamentals were a vital part in their learning experience. Coaches shared their opinions on the importance of using basic concepts to create exceptional teams.

The qualities of coaching went beyond the ability to blow a whistle during practice and yell the loudest during a game. It was necessary to be able to teach basic ideas and concepts to the players. "Coaches should be able to break down practices into specific drills for certain players, then be able to bring everything back together to see the larger picture," said assistant sophomore football coach Corey Rhoads.

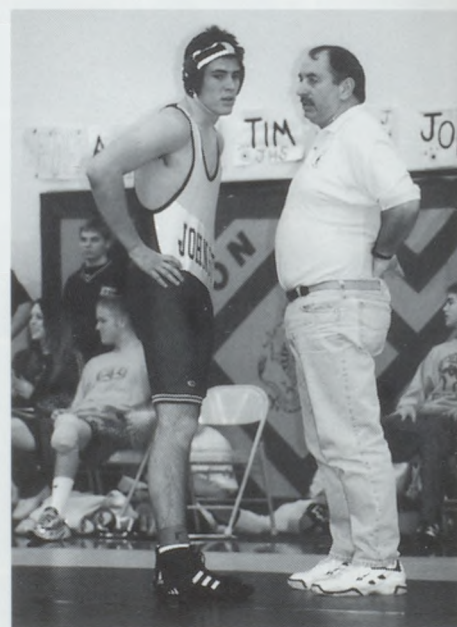
Some sports, like cross country, required a little more fun in order to keep the teams in a positive and attentive mood. "It's pretty tough to make cross country glamorous and fun," said coach Dave Beason. The cross country boys were allowed to mess around and enjoy themselves during practices, just as long as they covered the assigned distances.

As well as keeping the interest of the players, coaches hoped to help them out in other aspects of their life. "We challenged them (players) to excel, both on and off the court, in terms of hard work and commitment," said boys' head varsity basketball coach Jeff Simpson. *spread by Matthew Ring*



Stressful moments

Looking at the events on the court, assistant girls' basketball coach Rick Platt and head coach Justin Carlson react to one of the plays during the game against Fort Dodge. *photo by Michelle Norton*



Notable Insights

-Varsity baseball coach Jim Mahoney has coached varsity baseball for 30 years, starting in the summer of 1969. In those years, he led the team to a state championship in 1977 and participated in nine state tournaments.

-Varsity volleyball coach Rick Brooks was chosen as National League CIML Coach of the Year on October 24.

-There were 60 coaches for 20 activities offered during the year.

-Coaches' salaries were based on an increment percentage of their base salary. Increments varied from as high as 18% to as low as 4%.



photo by Matthew Ring

I think that, as a coach, (Ed) Terhune knew what he was doing. He had a lot of good advice to give us on defensive plays and kicking strategies.

*Mike Jones,
sophomore*



Future suggestions

Pointing out what is going wrong on the court, coach Rick Brooks talks to freshmen Elizabeth Guns and Mary Kuster about which skills they need to improve on. *photo by Michelle Norton*

Pep talk

Getting a little advice from wrestling head coach Frank Baltzley, junior Adam Walz listens closely before heading out on the mat at the Johnston Invite. *photo by Michelle Norton*



Tyler Adams
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Kurt Albertson
Debbie Anderson
Seth Anderson
Erika Anthony



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Josh Armstrong
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Ty Ballard
Natalie Baltzley
Shawna Barnett



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Justin Birru
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Zachary Bradish
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Jami Divis

Officers in the making

Some students chose to take the ROTC program from Central Campus at Hoover High School where they learned leadership traits and were prepared for a successful career in the military.

Getting a jump start on their military careers was just one of the many reasons for enrolling in the ROTC program at Hoover High School. Some of these students were planning on going into the army after high school graduation, while other students were just checking out their options. According to the ROTC course description, nearly 20 percent of graduates from the program go on to pursue successful careers in the military after high school graduation.

ROTC taught students the necessary skills that would be needed in their future. "You learn about leadership skills that can be used in your everyday life. ROTC teaches you about citizenship, first aid, map reading, ethics and public speaking. You also learn about how the army works and its rankings," said sophomore Robert Shumaker.

The cadets felt that ROTC was a valuable class to take. "You learn about yourself, who you are and what you need to do to improve yourself, to be a better leader," said freshman Lindsay Dunwoodie. *spread by Sarah Sauber*

Forward march

Senior Kirk Wisecup, Hoover's Michelle Bailey, Urbandale's J.D. Gerner and Dan Stamp, sophomore Brandon Taylor, and Urbandale's Kenny Caldwell march at the homecoming parade. *photo by M.M.*

Notable Insights

-Mondays and Tuesdays were spent in the classroom. During class, students improved their leadership skills. Wednesdays and Fridays were physical training days. On those days they played many games to help stay in top shape.

-Thursdays were spent working on drills. Students had to dress up in their uniforms and they marched around the gym at Hoover High School.

It took students three to four class periods to get to Hoover High School and back to Johnston for their regular classes. Two credits were given for taking the ROTC program.



photo by Michelle Norton

My favorite part of ROTC would be the physical training days. I like them because we get to play football, basketball and some other fun sports.

*Dan Poptano,
freshman*



Stand straight, look sharp

Marching in rows, sophomores Nick Rogers, Tommy Walker and freshman Vanessa Smith listen to their instructions. During drill day, the cadets stood in parade formation. *photo by Michelle Norton*



Right or left?

Checking to be sure she is on the correct foot, freshman Mary Martinez marches around the gym at Hoover. Marching was a major part of the program. *photo by Michelle Norton*



Katie Doherty
Jon Doudna
Courtney Douglas
Lindsay Dunwoodie
Bernie Easley
Molly Ehm
Jon Ellis



Tara Ely
Steve Ervin
Don Faber
Tim Fogarty
Kristin Foshe
Travis Foster
Chris Fountain



Adam Frank
Devin Frank
Nate Frasier
Chris Friestad
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Mindy Higgins
Tim Hilby



Sara Hobbs
Bryan Hodges
Adam Hoffman
Candi Horner
Adam Horning
Tim House
Amber Howard

Moving to the beat

Dancing for sport and recreation became increasingly popular and more available whether the technique was ballet, swing, tap or just modern club dancing.

Vigorously dancing many hours a week was not uncommon for some students. Junior Erin Hansen said, "I got into dance when I was little and I just kept building on what I had learned. Dancing is a lot harder than anyone realizes. You work really hard."

Some students did multiple dance techniques. Senior Megan Sinnwell worked on four styles. "Ballet is the basis of all dance," said Sinnwell. "I like dance because it is never ending. There's always a way to improve."

Dance clubs offered a more relaxed style of dance. Senior Adam Lewis said, "Dance clubs are fun because you meet tons of new people that are from different schools."

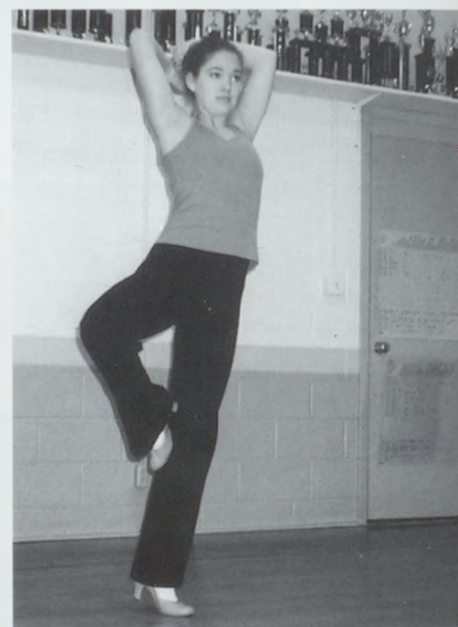
Environment influenced one's choice of dance clubs. Sophomore Meredith Avaux said, "The surroundings at the Val Air are awesome. The ceiling is blue tie-dye and the lights are colored spotlights."

No matter what the atmosphere, dancing was an art form. Sophomore Liz Tometich took lessons and went to clubs. "Dancing is a way of expressing myself. It's my talent and it feels natural to dance," said Tometich. *spread by Alyssa Ranney*



Around the world

Senior Nate Butzen and sophomore Molly Haight do a swing dance step. "Swing dancing is upbeat ballroom dancing where you get to slide across the room and do a bunch of neat lifts," said Haight. *photo by Al Ranney*



Notable Insights

The Val Air Ballroom was located at 301 Ashworth Road. The band played swing music Thursday nights from 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. All ages were permitted.

Bugsy's was located at 214 3rd Street. It was open Wednesday and Saturday from 8:00 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Wednesdays were for ages 18 and up. Saturdays were non-alcohol nights for ages 16 and up.

Johnston Dance Studio was located at 6212 Merle Hay Road. There were two classes of high school students. Five girls were in the Tuesday class and two girls were in the Saturday class.



photo by Alyssa Ranney

Dancing relieves stress. Class is a relief from school and I feel a real sense of accomplishment when I've got a dance together and polished.

*Mary Schwab.
senior*



Getting down

Trying out a dance move, sophomore Kyle Beach dances at the homecoming dance. "With dancing you can do your own thing and have fun doing it," said Beach. *photo by Jennifer Wiley*

Graceful and quick

Piecing together the final moves, senior Angela Finestead works on her senior solo dance. "It's fun to watch myself get better and be able to do more steps, styles and tricks," said Finestead. *photo by Al Ranney*



Jin Hu
Sarah Huffman
Luke Hukee
Beth Huss
Elliot Imes
Perry Iverson
Missy Iwig

Jessica Jacobs
Mandy Jess
Andy Johannesen
Brian Johnson
Rachael Johnson
Jason Junge
Danielle Katch

Dina Kazatsker
Kat Kellogg
Aimee Kempf
Stacey Kempkes
Sarah Kesse
Ryan King
Kristen Kirkpatrick

David Klugman
Dan Knight
A.J. Konz
Jeffrey Krantz
Mary Kuster
Jamie Lamberti
Katie Larson

John Lee
Chelsey Lehman
Jeremy Leonard
Cody Lewton
Susan Lloyd
Andy Lohr
Bradley Losee

Ashley Loughran
Matt Lunn
Jenny Luse
Kassie Lutz
Jeff Lynch
Jessica Madole
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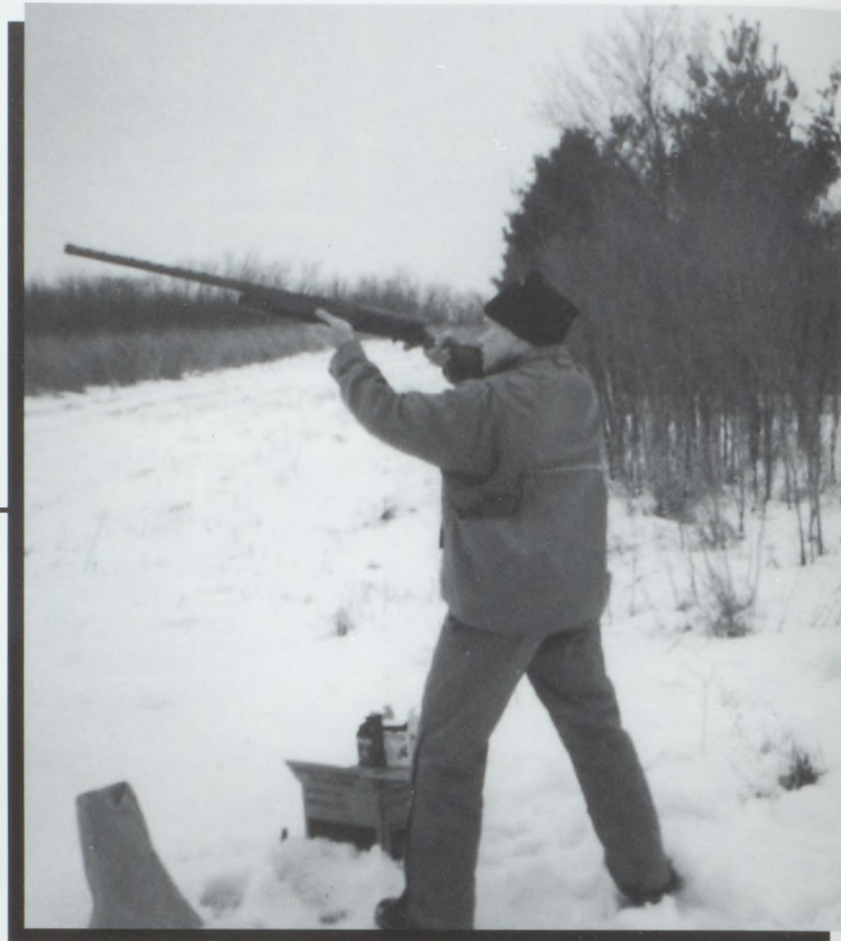
Exploring the great outdoors

Students scouted to find the beasts that roamed and birds that flew in the forests and fields of Iowa. Hunting season began fully in October and went strong until January.

Starting October 31, students ventured out into the wilderness to discover themselves or, more often, to discover game. Students spent much of the fall and winter hunting for their choice animal such as pheasant, duck, goose, deer or turkey.

Some students are out there for the sport of it, the adrenaline rush of the kill, or merely for the meat that can be obtained. "I enjoy hunting pheasant," said junior Kyle Mertz. "It has the convenience of the season, being in November, and the thrill of hunting in the open field, rather than in the pond hunting geese or duck."

For many, hunting is truly a right of passage, an emotional and psychological stepping stone. "I remember when I first went pheasant hunting with my dad when I was thirteen," said senior Tanner Hockensmith. "It felt great when I shot my first bird. It came up right beside my dad and I almost blew his head off. He was very upset at first, but he was proud that I shot my first pheasant. Ever since then I've always practiced safety first." *spread by Ben Flannery*



Taking aim

Honing his skills, senior Joel Ashby prepares for deer season. "I love hunting deer for the meat, especially the jerky," said Ashby. "It is awesome to shoot and then feast on an animal I killed." *photo by Chris Goode*



Notable Insights

-The state of Iowa hosted more than 250,000 hunters annually that visited the 340 public hunting areas 3.5 million times per year.

-Charlton Heston was the current president of the NRA.

-Iowa hunters harvested a record 15,810 turkeys during the spring and fall of 1998. With 40,863 resident gun licenses issued, hunters had a 43.3% success rate.

-Iowa's deer hunters had their most successful season ever. The total kill of game was 118,404 and was nearly 10% higher than in 1997.

*Information from the DNR of Iowa.



photo by Amelia Greetsch

I don't like guns or killing things either, except in the (Nintendo) game "Duck Hunt," because it is different in the game - it's just for fun and it's not real.

*Stacie Schroeder,
junior*



Successful hunt

Seniors Chris Dickey and Brody Wells revel in their prize birds. "I go out in the morning at 5:00 a.m. to go hunting," said Wells. "Mrs. (Anne) Koth doesn't like me falling asleep in her class but she doesn't understand."

Pull!

Arming the clay pigeon thrower, sophomore Chris Goode prepares for the release. "I like to go out clay pigeon shooting because it gives me time to bond with my friends," said Goode. *photo by Joel Ashby*



Carrie Minton
Dominique Mondesir
B.J. Moore
Jonathan Morgan
Bekah Morris
James Mundy
Jared Musser



Samuel Musser
Zach Nelsen
David Nordquist
Danny Norton
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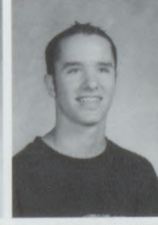
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Tim Rhoads
Robbie Robison
Allison Rockwell



Dan Rude
Lindsay Ruisch
Kate Rydberg
Claudio Saldana
Ryan Sandmann
Jeremy Sandquist
Ashley Sanford



Annie Sanger
Emily Scholten
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Shaping younger minds

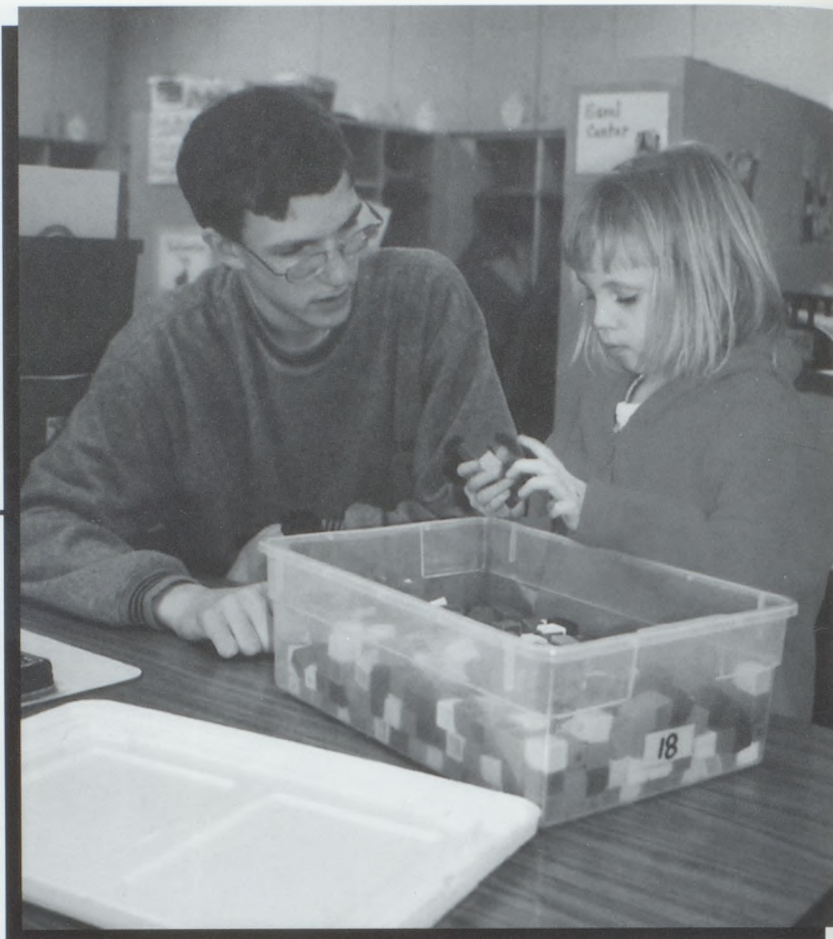
Peer Helping was an alternative to a study hall that provided students with the opportunity to work with younger pupils and helped them gain life experiences to prepare for the future.

Instead of working on homework or talking with friends during free periods, some students decided to become involved in Peer Helpers. Students traveled to the middle and elementary schools to tutor younger students.

Some became involved in the program to prepare for their own futures. Freshman Alana Brown said, "I want to be an elementary teacher when I get older, so tutoring prepares me for what teaching might be like."

Others participated in order to help and teach other children, but some found that they also learned themselves. Freshman Molly Ehm worked with fifth and sixth graders and also taught a third grader from Bosnia how to count money. Ehm said, "I learned how to communicate with kids who have short attention spans."

Some of the students felt that peer helping was a positive experience. Junior Melissa Long recommended the program to anyone who wanted to get involved. Long said, "I think it is a good experience if you want to be a teacher one day or like working with kids." *spread by Melissa Miller*



Building blocks

Working on patterns, senior Carter Wasilewski helps kindergartener Ashley Ribordy. Wasilewski said, "I want to get involved and get a degree in the education field, so I love to tutor." *photo by M. Norton*

Notable Insights

-Some responsibilities of a peer helper included helping younger students learn to read, write and do math. Peer Helpers also played with children at recess and helped teachers with various tasks in their classrooms.

-Approximately 25 students were involved in Peer Helpers and went to the elementary or middle schools during study halls or after early out to tutor.

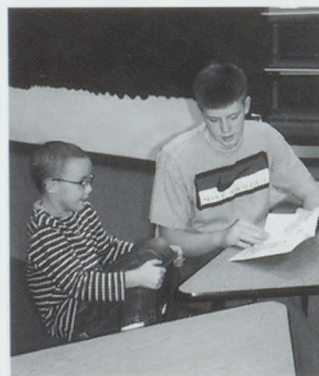
-To be involved in Peer Helpers one needed to go to the guidance office, talk to organizer Mrs. Vicki Cronin and fill out a student agreement sheet with parental permission.



also pictured Randall Chamberlin photo by M. Miller

I used to have trouble when I was in seventh grade. Now that I am older I am able to help others who are having problems, so I like to tutor.

*Travis Pugh,
freshman*



Reading aloud

Holding a book about baseball, senior Aaron Wych helps second grader Joey Gowdy read. Wych said, "I had fun teaching (Gowdy) and he enjoyed learning to read." *photo by Michelle Collignon*



Hanging around

Junior Sarah Tuttle lifts fourth grader Alycia Waterman up to the rings during recess. Tuttle peer helped for Mr. Kerry Loge's class at Lawson and worked with students on math skills and geography. *photo by M. Miller*



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John Sparland
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Megan Woody
Ming Wu
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Inspiring minds

Whether it be art, kindness or just life in general, students learned important life lessons from the faculty. A little extra attention from a teacher here and there influenced students in their daily lives.

Sometimes teachers inspired kids to pay attention and learn. That is what happened to freshman Michael Gauthier. "Mrs. (Mary) VanHeukelom is a swell teacher. Not only does she give us many freedoms but she challenges us to work hard so we succeed in the future," said Gauthier.

The way teachers taught was helpful in the learning process. "Mrs. (Sue) Cline always made what we were doing interesting. We built stuff out of Legos and drew posters in groups. I liked how we got to do visuals for her final because then you could apply what you learned in your own way," said junior Tia Krultz.

Some students got a chance to talk with teachers outside of class like sophomore Emily Adams. "Mr. (Daniel) Weiss may be one of the most inspirational people in my life. He listens to me and sees my point of view; we respect each other," said Adams.

Other staff members assisted in different ways. "Gloria (Keenan) the lunch lady always helped me out at lunch when I was a few cents short," said sophomore Austin Sapienza. *spread by Jen Wiley*



Governmental issues

Mr. Jerry Stratton discusses current events with seniors Nate Lynch and Adam Lewis. "Mr. Stratton has a great personality and never misses a chance to compliment his students," said senior Dan Johnson. *photo JW*



Notable Insights

-Two substitutes vowed that they would never come back to teach at Johnston High School again due to the disrespect they received from the student body.

-There were 100 people on staff.

-There were three sets of married teachers: Mrs. Cindy and Mr. Mike Partington; Mr. Robb and Mrs. Shelly Boley and Mr. Bruce and Mrs. Julie Hukee.

-There were 59 females and 41 male teachers.

Also pictured: Chris Briles and Van Holmgren



photo by Jennifer Wiley

Mr. (Ed) Terhune is an interesting guy. You can talk truthfully about anything with him and you'll know it'll stay at the table.

*Joey Bass,
junior*



New words

Spanish teacher Mrs. Pamela Barnes helps out freshman Amy Dennis with food vocabulary. "Mrs. Barnes is always jumping around and has fun activities," said Dennis. *photo by Jen Wiley*

Earth friendly

Sophomore Aaron Haug recycles with science teacher Mr. Keith Lippincott. "Mr. L. has seen a lot in his day and can relate to what's going on right now," said Haug. *photo by Jen Wiley*



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Tory Alexander
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Susan Baker
Pam Barnes
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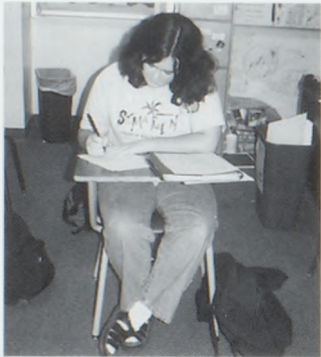
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Ralph Young

Writing her rights

Filling out a worksheet, freshman Laura Gwinn finishes the vocabulary in Mrs. Mary Van Heukelom's Developing Citizenship class. "In Citizenship, we learned about basic government ideas and about how immigrants become citizens," said Gwinn. *photo by Michelle Norton*



Repetition becomes 3-D

Tracing over his assignment on creating a motif, freshman Claudio Saldana works on finalizing his configuration before adding color to the final product. Saldana was one of 12 students in Ms. Krista Osterberg's first Design I class. *photo by Jennifer White*



Rinse and spit

Washing the formaldehyde off medium-sized cat, senior Kaitlin Rainwater prepares to split apart the cat's muscles in Advanced Biology. Students were given the option to dissect a real cat or to "dissect" a computer-generated cat. *photo by Jennifer White*



Formulating an answer

Calculating distances on a Math I test, sophomore Lindsay Phillips tries to finish before the bell rings. *photo by Sarah Sauber*



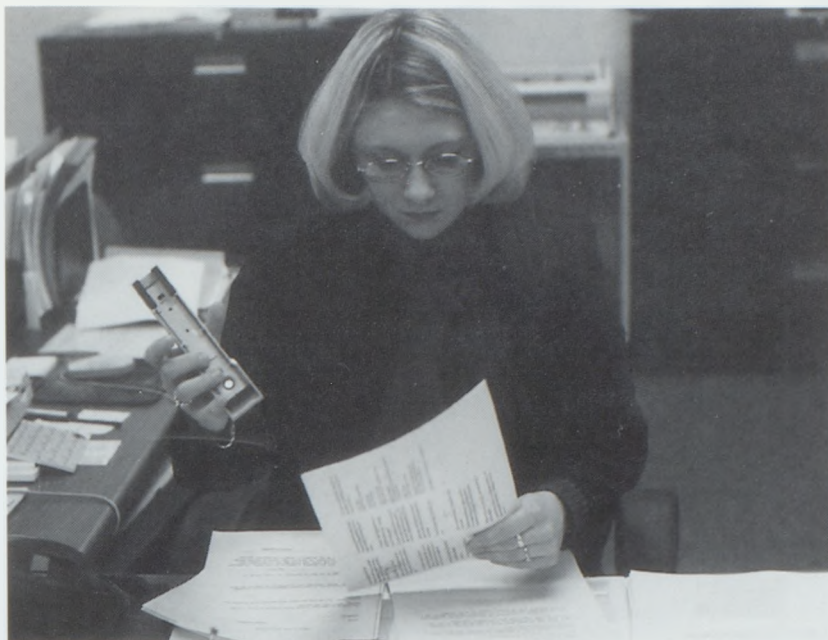
T-squaring the wood

Marking an even edge, sophomore Matt Donaldson marks a shelf for an entertainment center before sawing. *photo by J. White*



Los pantalones y una collar

Presenting their Spanish vocabulary, sophomores Jared Haag and Curtis Brown perform a skit in Spanish III describing what Haag is wearing. *photo by Matt Ring*



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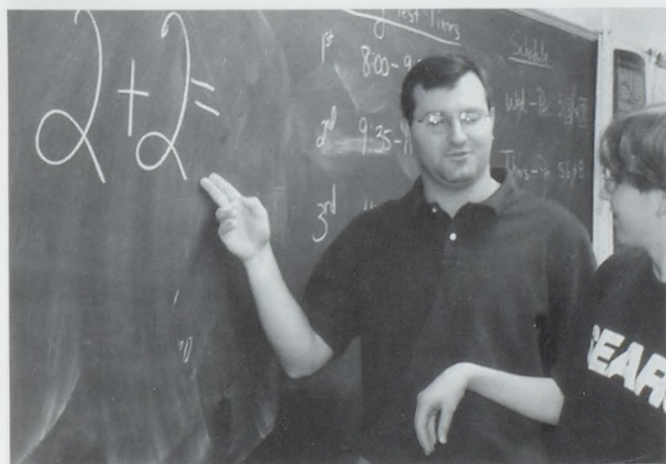
Is it all filled out?

Stapling Girls' State applications for her service credit, junior Emily Garrett takes Mrs. Arline Gunhus' place in the guidance office during her lunch. Garrett's service credit included answering the phone, filing scholarships, helping other students find papers and helping the counselors. *photo by Jennifer White*

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Just a simple explanation

Informing sophomore Ryan Jameson on the basics, Mr. Rick Brooks jokes around in Math 2. *photo by S. Sauber*



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Quick thoughts

Strategizing the perfect route to the goal, senior Jeremy Gannon plays Ultimate Frisbee in P.E. *photo by Michelle Norton*



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Do blondes have more fun?

Working on a bit of in-class work, juniors Megan Nyberg, Andrea Helin and Stephanie Nyberg type away in Keyboarding. *photo by Matt McCrea*

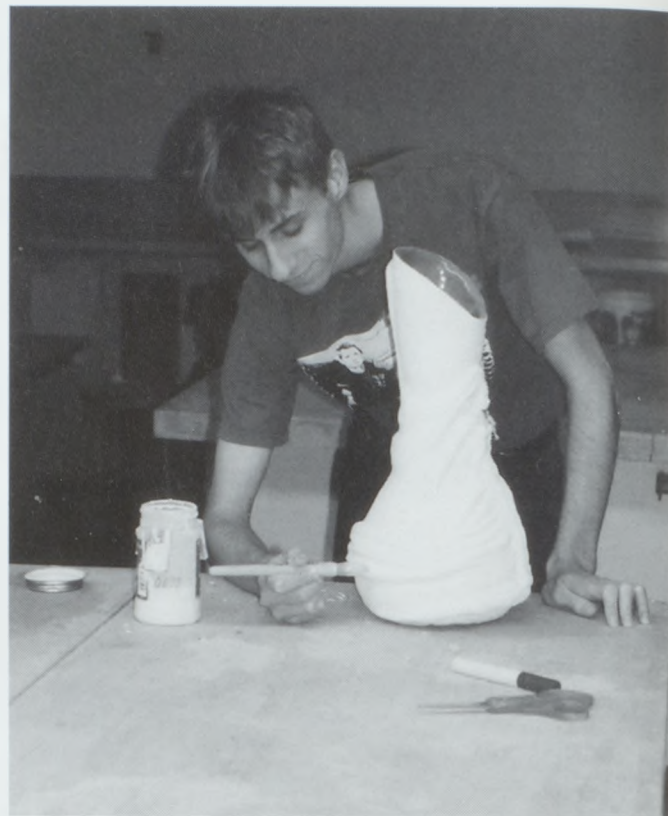
ESSENCE

Having a new teacher is not always easy for others in a department. However, Mr. Daniel Weiss said that having to handle everything himself, along with other non-school related commitments was overwhelming. It was helpful that Ms. Krista Osterberg took on a portion of the responsibility in the art department.

Weiss has taught art for 12 years and this was Osterberg's first year teaching in Iowa. She taught Photo Art I and Design I. Previously she worked with elementary students for two years. Osterberg said, "I like working with more advanced subjects like photography and design. Those were the areas that I mainly studied throughout my college years." *spread by Michelle Collignon*

Glaze it up

Senior Dan Knapp carefully adds stoneware glaze to his sculpture he created for his clay class. *photo by Jennifer Wiley*



Essentials of Art

"I would recommend the class because it's one of those classes where you actually think."

~ Mark Milburn, '02

Photo Art I

"The worst part was that I was a procrastinator, but I learned how to take better pictures and develop them."

~ Tim Rhoads, '02

Clay

"I enjoyed getting clay all over me because when I was a kid I used to play in the mud all the time."

~ Van Holmgren, '01

Design I

"I took the class because I wanted to go into design in college. I wanted to get experience with it now."

~ Katie Larson, '02

Aesthetically pleasing

Adding the last touches to his color study painting, junior John Ferguson paints on his hand-stretched canvas. "The best part was the actual painting and using the stuff I learned. The learning about the history of painting was a little long, but it was useful," said Ferguson. "I discovered different techniques and how to get a painting to look light logical. I believe that this class will be useful because I paint in my spare time. I will be able to achieve a good painting by using the new techniques. I think working independently allows you to concentrate fully, at least that's what it does for me." *photo by Michelle Collignon*



Visual abstraction

In Essentials of Art, junior Hannah Heckman paints a cut out shape with acrylic. Each student had to abstract one object into another in five steps. *photo by Michelle Collignon*



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Troubles. After developing her negatives, junior Andrea Pearce explains to Ms. Krista Osterberg the problems she is having. photo by Michelle Collignon

“ I don't like people criticizing my work, so I didn't think the critiques we had helped like they were suppose to. The hardest part was trying to get the dust spots off the negatives and loading the film on the reel for development.”

~ Jessica Turner, '02

“ I have taken students to Minneapolis twelve years in a row and the museums are very accomidating. When I was eighteen I went to the art museums and they had a profound impact on me to be able to identify with the art work.”

~ Daniel Weiss, art instructor



Get a grip. 1997 graduate Shea Braune and junior Greta Davis climb in a sculpture while touring the Minneapolis Sculpture Garden. photo by Michelle Collignon

Class criticism

While listening to senior Aaron Atkinson talk about the photos he took and developed, junior Joanna Wilson, sophomore Reuben Vanderkwaak and senior Sara Harper study and critique his work. photo by Michelle Collignon

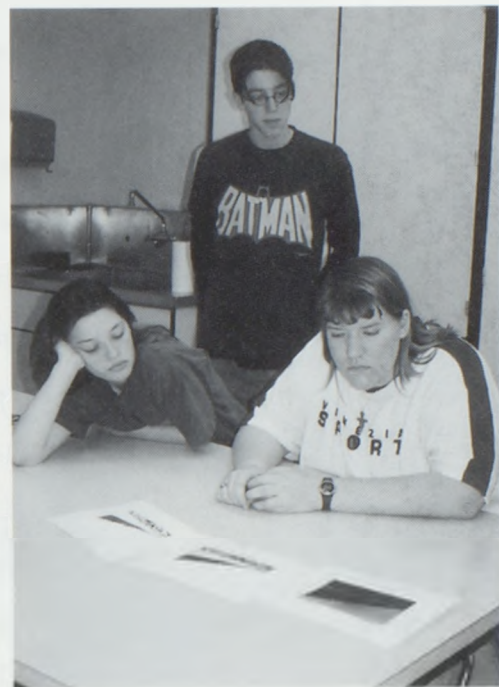


Photo Art II

"The class held an atmosphere that allowed learning to take place at higher levels than in normal classes."

~ Tim Adkisson, '99

Design II

"I learned about color, function and form. I have a better appreciation for thought."

~ Ryan Karloff, '00

Drawing

"You do a lot of logical and analytical thinking. It is useful to me because I want to work with art in my future."

~ Abbie Onken, '00

Painting

"I pick up and keep information for any future works I might want to do or if I'd like to be an art teacher."

~ Kristyn Knight, '99



• Silicate bondage

• Reaching into a coffee can full of clay, senior Jennifer Schleuter continues to form a bowl in her clay class. "The best part of the class was being able to make things that are usable such as pitchers and bowls. Schleuter thought one hard part of the class was controlling the clay as it was drying. "I like knowing I could make things that I can use. I could make objects in the future if I wanted to. Ceramic objects make good gifts. I would also recommend taking this class because it makes you become more patient, and it demonstrates that things can't usually be done right the first time." photo by Michelle Collignon

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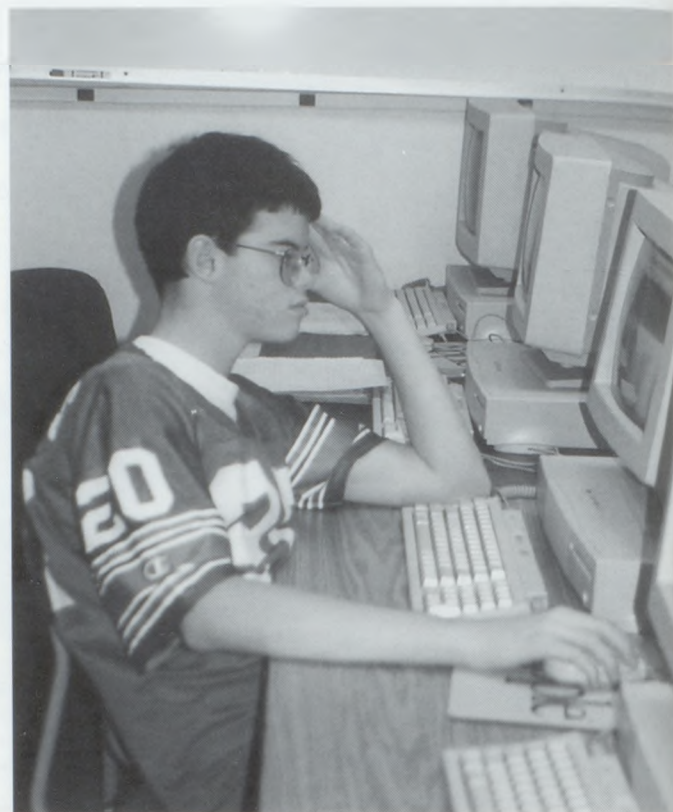
When tornadoes came twisting last June, some costly troubles came along too. The computer labs suffered water damage. Four computers, two scanners and all work saved on the computers was lost. "All the computers were shipped to Chicago, where they were cleaned out and dried," said instructor Mr. Matt Hill.

There were also changes with classes. "We went more in depth on advanced topics. We explored more on the Internet, and in Computer Applications we did more calendars, books and projects," said Hill.

One project that students did was a spreadsheet. "In the spreadsheet project, I used formulas and put them into real-life situations. I used that knowledge to help me in other classes like math and science," said freshman Kat Kellogg. *spread by Matt McCrea*

Movin' the mouse

In a Computer Applications class, freshman Aaron Yates operates the mouse to work on graphs for his assignment. *photo by Matt McCrea*



Computer Applications

"I like how we watched the movie *Toy Story* and then made some of the characters on the computer."

~ Kristen Kirkpatrick, '02

Keyboarding

"In keyboarding we learned all of the functions on the keyboard, and then saw how fast we could type."

~ Lindsey Kroeger, '01

Business/College Key

"I liked the class because I learned a lot more about computers that I didn't know already."

~ Christina Metzler, '00

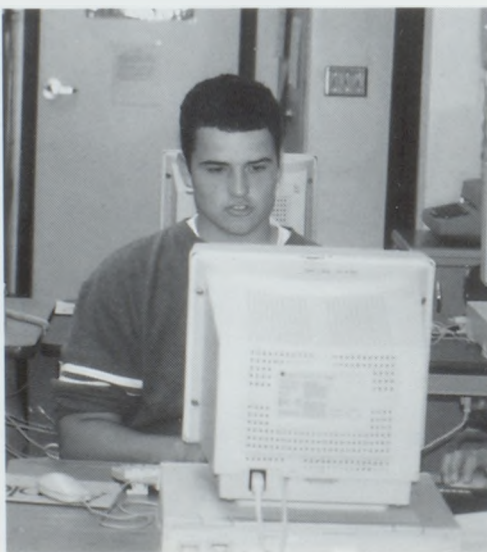
Multi-Media

"I like the class because we got to work on videos and edit them. It was also fun to make the slide shows."

~ Nikki Jarchow, '01

Attentive typing

While typing up an assignment in Keyboarding with instructor Mr. Craig Oldham, freshman Dan Rude practices the different kinds of keystrokes that he had learned from being in the keyboarding class. "Keyboarding was a very good class for me because I had learned some of the basic skills for becoming a fast and accurate typist. In Keyboarding, we had different assignments to do, like writing formal business letters, informal letters, biographical sheets about ourselves and some types of data sheets," said Rude. Sophomore Nick Neal said, "I enjoy writing the letters because it's a major form to relay information." *photo by Matt McCrea*



A future CPA?

During Accounting II, junior Jonathan Hardy calculates numbers. "I enjoy math and I find the accounting interesting," said Hardy. *photo by Tara McGowan*



Learning a lesson. Working on a chapter review for Computer Applications, junior Jessica Heller studies for an upcoming test. *photo by Matt McCrea*

“ I liked Computer Apps because the teacher (Mrs. Michelle Vos) was really nice. She would explain things well and show us one-on-one what to do on the computer. You get to work at your own pace and it was a light atmosphere.”

~ Stephanie Bracein, '02

“ It was a great class (Business/College Keyboarding) especially because of the size, we got lots of personal attention. It was a class that I will end up using in the future and it will be helpful for college and when I start my career.”

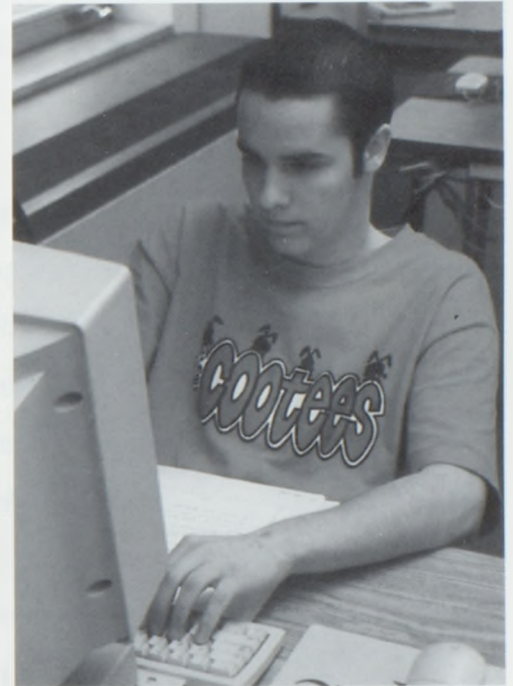
~ Emily Meyer, '99



College typing preparations. During Business and College Keyboarding, freshman Carey Peterson works on her college keyboarding skills. *photo by Tara McGowan*

An important note

Typing up a memo in Business and College Keyboarding, freshman Mike Sellers works on his assignment. “I like how the class teaches you how to make and format memos, something that I may be doing for a job in the future,” said Sellers. *photo by Tara McGowan*



Intro to Business

“I enjoyed the packet we did about managing a checkbook and financial records; it will help in the future.”

~ A.J. Konz, '02

Accounting I

“I think that it was a good class because you learn how businesses operate and how to balance your finances.”

~ Ryan Stewart, '01

Accounting II

“I liked it because it taught me what I would do if I were to go into the accounting field.”

~ Ellen Dane, '99

Business Law

“Business Law was a good class because I learned uncommon laws that I may use later on in the future.”

~ Andy Ryerson, '01



• Creating clips

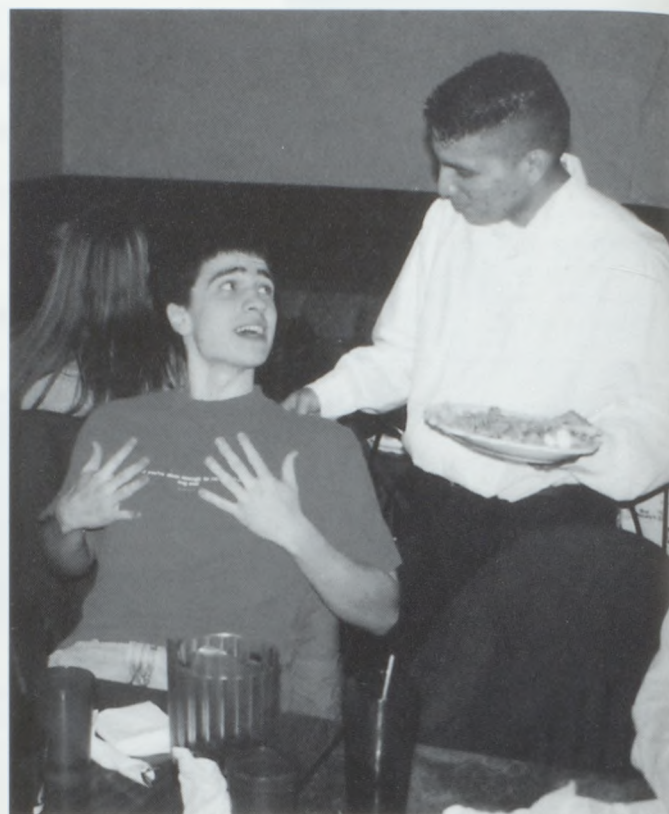
- During Multi-Media, sophomore Brian White uses the mouse and the microphone to make a video for his required video project.
- Students took still pictures from other movies and then regrouped them together to produce a movie of their own. Sound was added to the movies to fully complete the project. He used his left hand to hold the microphone for speaking to give the film some intonation.
- “The microphone was used to make the characters speak for the video project I did. My movie was based on a real movie that I liked and I added my favorite highlights from the movie so it wasn't very long,” said White. *photo by Megan Stetson*

RELATE

Communication is always difficult some way or another, especially for freshman Simon D'Amours. He came to Iowa from Canada only knowing the French language. "The communication between us two is not a problem, but there is sometimes problems between him and the other students in class," said Mrs. Mary Moermond. "It's fun to speak 'real' French, and I'm also enjoying the Québécois accent. I think having him in class is good for him, the other students and for me."

Another type of communication introduced was the addition of the Dynacom system. Only selected teachers received them. Mrs. Martha Pierce said, "I wish I had Dynacom because I think I would use it a lot to show things from videos, the Internet and the Spanish channel." *spread by Michelle Collignon*

All you have to do is ask
While eating at El Rodeo, junior Steve Rude talks to the waiter in Spanish. Classes ate there to get a taste of the Mexican culture. *photo by Matt Ring*
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Freshman English

"I like how we discuss the material in class well so the stuff that I don't get I can understand better."

~ Tyler Cate, '02

Sophomore English

"I don't really mind the reading and writing, but it's all the parts of writing, like symbols, that I dislike."

~ Monica Miller, '01

Journalism

"You learn how to manage your time so you can get done. It was also fun because you get a lot of free time to work."

~ Marissa Stetson, '02

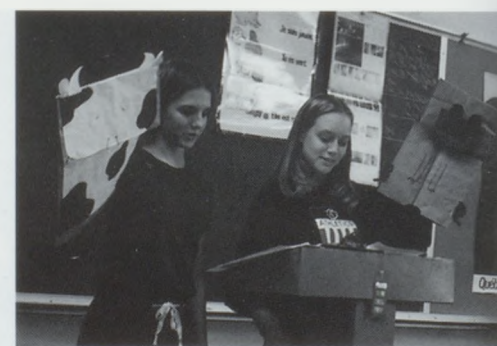
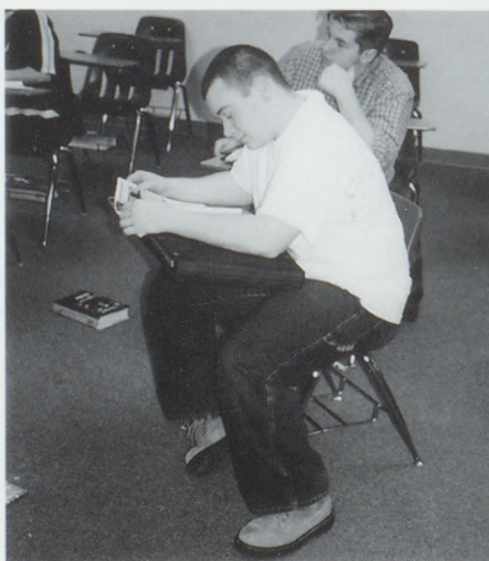
Myths and Legends

"I like the class because I don't like to read novels or stories. I would rather read short stories like we do."

~ Katie Keck, '00

Read along

While listening to Ms. Julie Schaeffer, senior Mike Desmond looks at his Newsweek magazine. The class discussed an article about Hillary Clinton. Other articles were talked about as well. "We read Newsweek every week and then we give an impromptu speech on an article that we picked out of the magazine," said Desmond. "As for myself, I don't like to get in front of a class to give speeches because I get very nervous. Ms. Schaeffer says that we will use these skills in the real world, but I don't agree with what she says. I think it is just all busy work and I'm sure others feel the same way." *photo by Michelle Collignon*



Puppet show masters

During their French IV class, juniors Amy Schuster and Haverlee Ottley act out a fable about a cow and a frog. *photo by Michelle Collignon*



Teen news. Freshman Leslie Ogren colors in the letters on a poster for a news show in her freshman English class. *photo by Michelle Norton*

“ I thought that the news show we did was a waste of time because our group wasn't very prepared and we rushed through it. We did it on a Sunday afternoon and I wanted to go do something else instead of doing homework all day.”

~ Sarah Huffman, '02

“ I thought the books we read for American Literature were okay but I really hated reading them. I was never done reading on time, therefore I did poorly on many of the quizzes and tests we had to take over the books.”

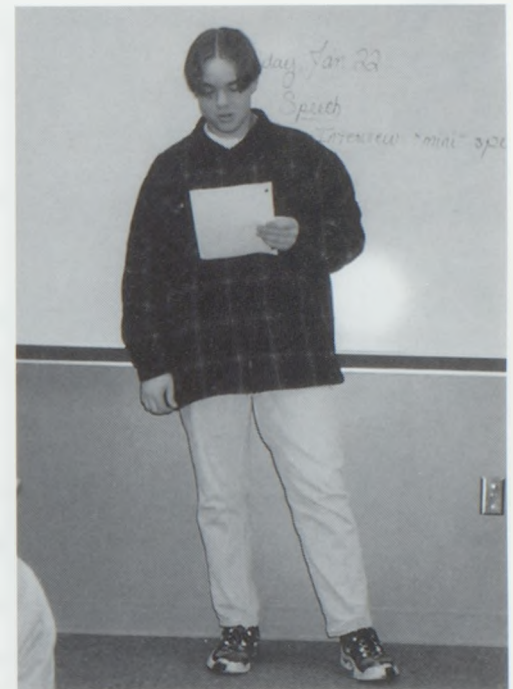
~ Ryan Helps, '99



Good listening. Junior Alysha Orris listens to a tape of *Black Elk Speaks* while reading along with the book for American Literature. *photo by Michelle Collignon*

Freedom of speech

Presenting a “mini interview” in speech class, sophomore Rick Meade takes a look off his notes as he gives his speech. Each student had to interview another student in their period and present information about the person to the rest of the class. *photo by Tara McGowan*



Creative Writing

“We should get more time to write because we don't have enough time to put thought and effort into our work.”

~ Jaime McMillen, '00

Spanish I

“Spanish I is a more structured class than it was at my old school. I also liked the review games we played.”

~ Jackie Huisman, '00

A.P. French

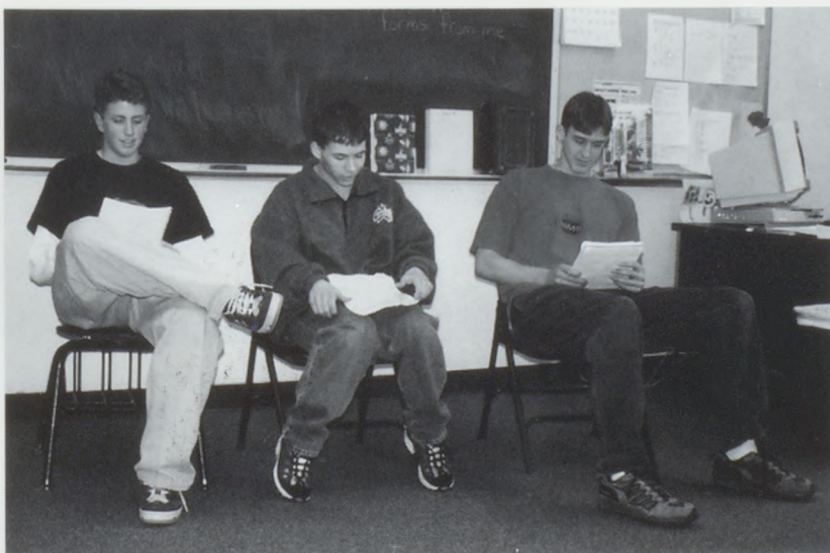
“What I am going to remember most isn't the lessons I learned but the French movies we watched.”

~ Matt Holub, '99

A.P. English

“If I could, I might make the reading schedule a little less hectic. You are expected to read a lot in a short time.”

~ Nick VanGundy, '99



Take one

- During Spanish III, sophomores Dave Leigh, Rob Wigger and Josh Schonhorst act out a commercial in front of the class.
- The commercial advertised Estoño toothpaste and the toothpaste was said to make one's teeth turn brown, give one bad breath and keep girls and parents away. In the skit, Leigh played (hockey player) Wayne Gretzky. Wigger acted as (baseball player) Mark McGwire and Schonhorst was portraying (singer) Michael Jackson. “The thing that I like best about doing skits in Spanish is working in groups. I also like to entertain the class,” said Wigger. *photo by Michelle Collignon*

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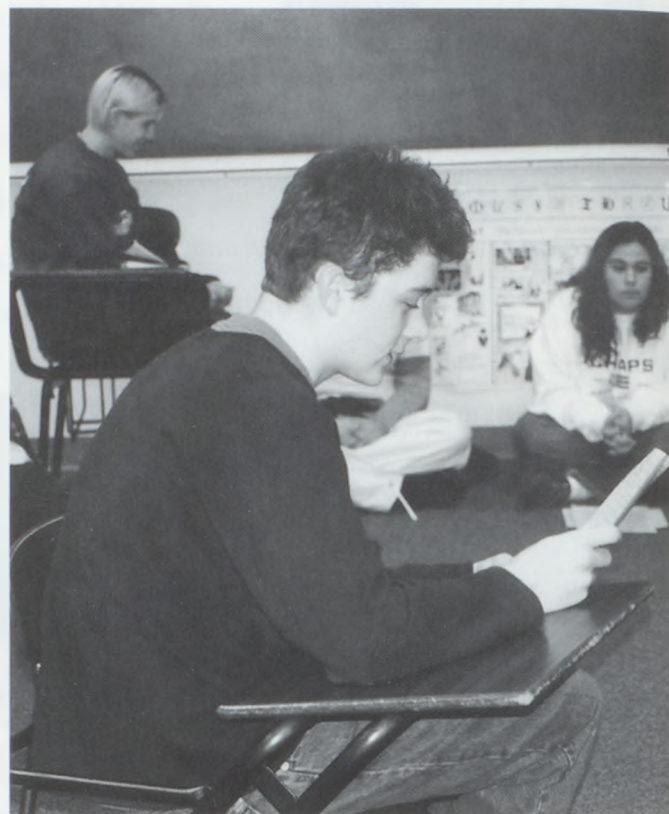
NATURE

The study of history and other cultures has been taught time and time again. Some found it hard to relate to centuries-old civilizations. Others saw new developments in the changing world and were forced to stay up-to-date with current issues. "It's harder to learn things that happened so long ago because I was never around to experience it," said junior Katie Sorak.

Rather than researching past civilizations, sociology and psychology students focused more on themselves and their own society. "The students learn things about themselves and why they are the way they are, which then helps them understand other people they interact with," said Mrs. Cindy Partington, who teaches psychology. *spread by Matthew Ring*

Historical folklore

Sophomore Josh Boyd acts out a play for Accelerated World Studies. Sophomores Bart Whipps and Chris Evans assisted him. *photo by Maltre*

**Developing Citizenship**

"You have to work a lot in Mrs. (Mary) VanHeukelom's class to get a good grade. It's also not a good idea to fall asleep."
~ Sarah Kesse, '02

Classical Civilization

"I like the way Mrs. (Sue) Cline teaches the class. She really makes it fun. Most of the work we do is in class."
~ Jim Burch, '01

Acc. World Studies

"We do a lot of projects in class. Sometimes the quizzes and tests are tough. You have to read carefully to do well."
~ Jon Muecke, '01

U.S. History

"We do a lot of discussing in class and then take notes on the chapter. Sometimes we do an occasional worksheet."
~ Sarah Coleman, '00

Motivational excitement

Becoming enthusiastic over the discussion on current events, Mrs. Susan McCravy analyzes with the students the events leading up to the Kosovo conflict. "They were deciding if we should be involved and why and I was just helping them out with the facts," said McCravy. Since 1994, Mrs. McCravy has taught Developing Citizenship, Modern Era, U.S. History and Ancient Civilizations. "I prefer teaching a class that discusses the more recent areas of history around the last two centuries, whereas Mrs. (Sue) Cline prefers to discuss the earlier ancient periods and cultures," said Mrs. McCravy. *photo by Van Holmgren*

**Creative learning**

Freshman Scott Vanzee works on his project for Developing Citizenship. Students made storybooks to explain the process of becoming a citizen of the United States. *photo by Norton*

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“ (Dr. Jerry) Kinder makes a calendar of when our assignments are due, but a lot of people, like myself, never really take any heed to it. I always end up having to cram for the assignment or test the night before it is due. ”

Homework duties. Searching for an answer in his book, junior Gavin Kucera works on his study guide for A.P. U.S. History. *photo by Matthew Ring*

“ For part of our first semester final, we had to choose a fictional story that dealt with world history, read it and write a summary report telling if it was historically accurate or not by comparing it to other resources. ”

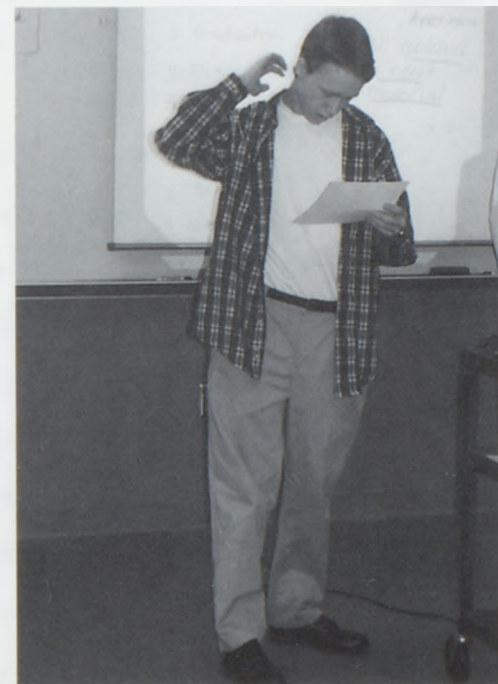
~ Kelsey Bell, '01



Committed to studying. Going over a section in his book, sophomore Cory Curtis does a little in-class reading for Modern Era. *photo by Van Holmgren*

Standing up front

Looking off his paper, senior John Bonsall reads to the rest of the class the list that his group had compiled for sociology. “We had to come up with material and non-material items that associated with different types of events, like picnics and weddings,” said Bonsall. *photo by Matthew Ring*



A.P. U.S. History

“The class was fun until Dr. (Jerry) Kinder began varying the tests because students were suspected of cheating.”

~ Adam Graaf, '00

American Government

“I don't like government. The class is boring, but it does teach useful things about our government's existence.”

~ Matthew Lemons, '99

Sociology

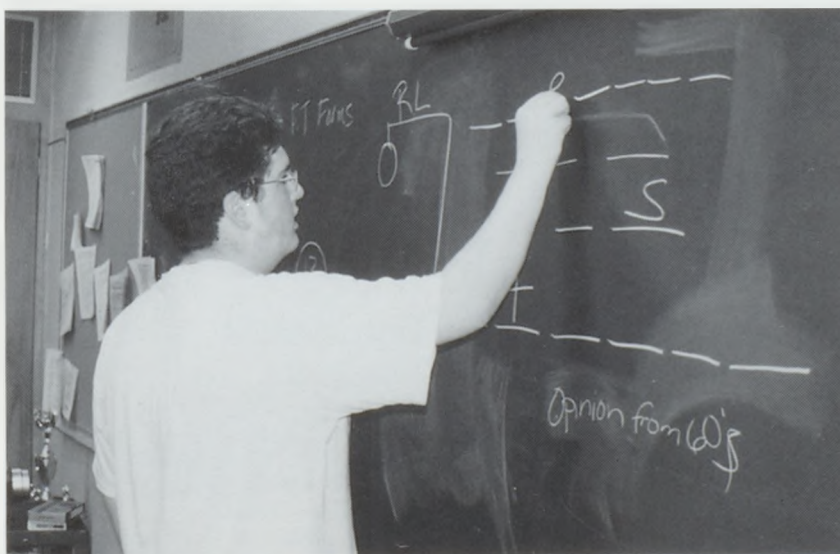
“I enjoy the class because it takes a look at certain aspects of life that you would normally never look at.”

~ Tara Thornton, '01

Psychology

“We talk about a lot of interesting topics that can come in handy when dealing with yourself and others.”

~ Brett Carlson, '00



• Easy extra credit

- Placing an “E” in the blank during a game of Hangman, senior Morgan McChurch allows the class one more chance to solve the puzzle. Students in government were given the opportunity to receive extra credit as long as the topics were history-related. “For the last day of class, instead of extra credit, (Mr. Jerry) Stratton gave out ‘lucky pennies,’ which he rubbed on his forehead beforehand. He said that these pennies would guarantee us an A on a future test,” said McChurch. Besides the last two days of class, students were allowed to play the game only if they received special honors, like having the highest class average. *photo by Ring*

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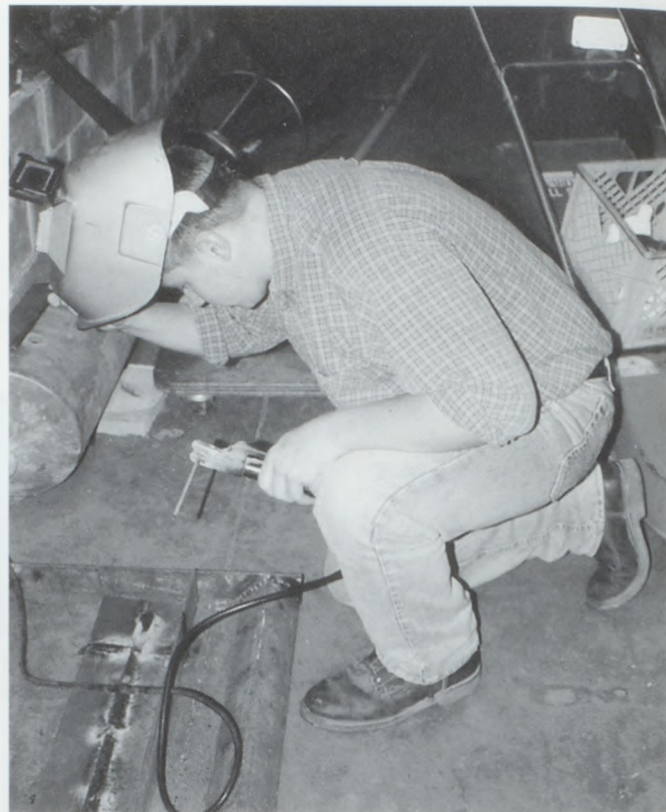
INFUSIONS

Cooped up in its own corner of the school, one may never know what exists beyond the inverted doors of the tech department. However, those who ventured to take the industrial arts classes found the scene one of infinite knowledge.

Various talents could be found and skills were brushed up on while studying in the tool-filled "shop." From repairing old, student-donated cars to learning how to edit video tapes, the tech rooms were always bustling with activities. Along with the new video production unit, a computer lab was also added to the department. "(The lab is) a high tech infusion into the program that allows students to explore ten areas of technology that lead into subsequent tech classes," said tech teacher Mr. Mike Modlin. *spread by Nicole*

What a drag

Inspecting his work during welding class, senior Ryan Hargens works on a drag for the baseball field. *photo by Nicole Frank*



Introduction to Tech

"The robot station was really interesting. Through representation, we learned how to infuse a bomb."

~ Alex Wall, '02

Construction Tech

"We did a variety of projects like pouring concrete, laying brick, plumbing and doing electrical work."

~ Logan Hollobaugh, '00

Sheet Metal

"We got to work with metal in many ways from welding and cutting to just plain old shaping tool boxes."

~ Scott McAdam, '01

Carpentry

"I learned about how to use different tools, but the best part was seeing the finished products of my projects."

~ Jason Wheeler, '00

Shedding skills

Carefully arranging the black sheeting to a perfect position, junior Mike Thompson assists his Construction Tech class in roofing the utility shed. Various tech classes assisted in the building of the shed, while the Construction Tech class took most of the credit in its assembly. This was the second utility shed that was built by the tech classes for the baseball fields upon Mr. Jim Mahoney's request. It only took the class five weeks to finish the project. "Building the shed allowed us to brush up on many of our skills that we learned throughout the course from shingling to basic sanding and cutting," said Thompson. *photo by Nicole Frank*



Mr. Sandman

Working for perfection, freshman John Doudna sands his woodwork project during his Carpentry I class. Two levels of carpentry were offered. *photo by Jennifer White*



Twist and turn. Adjusting a front wheel bearing, freshman Nate Swoyer works at the automotive station, one of ten stations in the new lab. *photo by Nicole Frank*

“One of the stations in the Intro to Tech lab was a flight simulator. In order to learn how to fly the “plane,” we first had to read about the different controls. Then, we were able to practice take off and landing skills on the computer.”

~ Katie Peterson, '02

“I liked working on engines, but my overall favorite part of the Power Tech class was being around Mr. Ralph Young. He’s a great teacher and has a sense of humor that helps to break the barriers between him and his students.”

~ Andrew Beasmore, '02



Handle with care. Freshmen Martin Glendenning and Matt Bower assemble a lawn mower engine during their power tech class. *photo by Jennifer White*

Zooming in

Focusing in on his political cartoon set-up, junior David Letcher prepares for his presentation. Students used the various video techniques that they had learned prior to the assignment in order to put their newscasts together. *photo by Michelle Norton*



General Drafting

“Now, whenever I’m building something, I am able to sketch it in order to understand its structure.”

~ Tim House, '02

Manufacturing Tech

“Problem solving was the hardest segment. It was difficult to come up with a design that would work.”

~ Nick Dell, '01

Power Tech

“This class basically consists of taking apart engines and then putting them back together.”

~ Jake VanOort, '02

Video Productions

“Because of my advanced technological knowledge, I always have to set up the equipment for the class.”

~ Kris Barrantes, '01



• Classic concentration

• Intently concentrating on his movements, junior Eric Shelley makes precise gestures to form a piece of sheet metal into a tool tray. The Sheet Metal class learned how to weld and cut metal during their course. Through the skills that they learned, they were able to make a drag for the baseball diamond among various other projects that benefitted the school. “I really enjoyed working in Sheet Metal as well as with the tech department overall. I usually spent about three and-a-half hours in the shop. I also worked outside of school so I could use the new things that I learned in class on my own, personal projects,” said Shelley. *photo by Nicole Frank*

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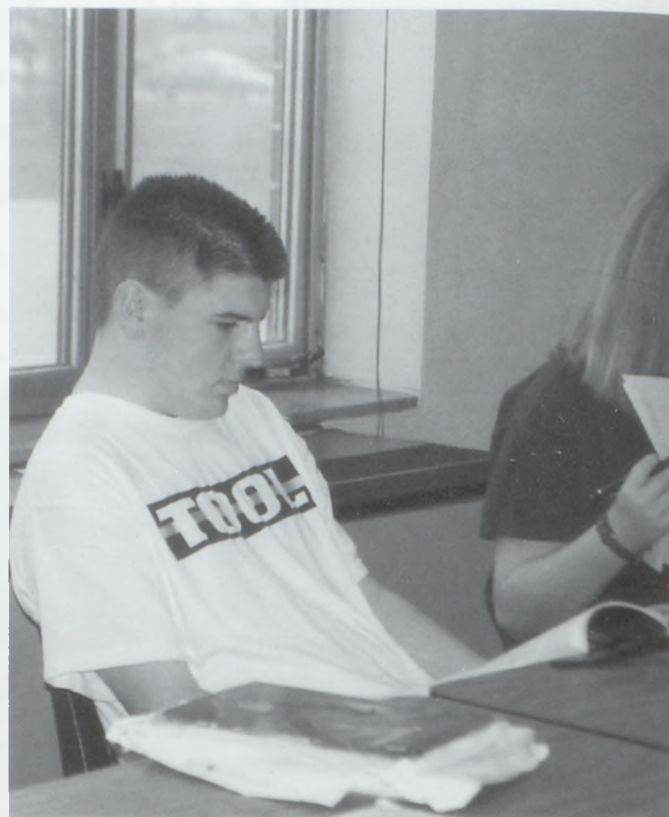
SOLUTION

The math department made some major changes. There were two new teachers and a 90-minute extended class period. "Block scheduling is two periods. It gives you more time to do activities and get more stuff done in class," said junior Sarah Warner. Other students saw the longer classes as an opportunity for teachers to pile on the homework. "(We get more homework) because you have to know all of the information in a shorter amount of time," said sophomore Matt Volz.

Block scheduling also had its good points. Some students believed that block scheduling helped them. "I like block scheduling because it gives the teachers more time to teach and they don't have to stop after just 45 minutes," said freshman Alicia Aberg. *spread by Sarah Sauber*

Down time

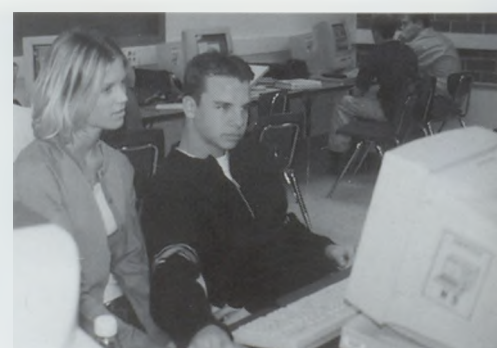
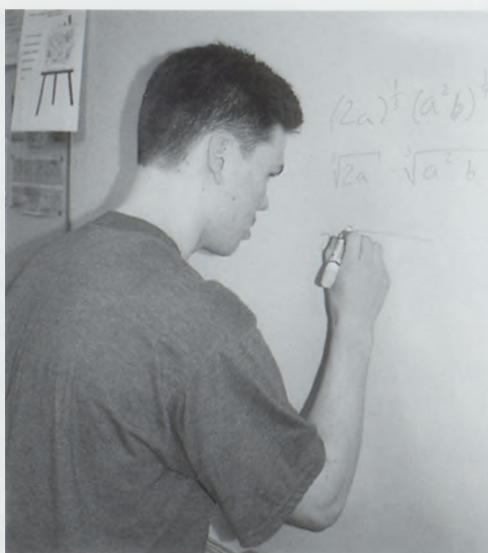
Reading a magazine, freshman Josh Zamzow relaxes after finishing a Math 1 chapter test. *photo by Sarah Sauber*



Consumer Math	Fundamentals of Algebra	Math 1	Math 2
"We learn how to do taxes. We also learn how to buy a house, apartment or other things we need in the future." ~ Mary Langworthy, '00	"In this class I am learning the basics all over again, hoping to do better in higher math classes." ~ Nate Frasier, '02	"The class wasn't very difficult and the work wasn't very hard. You had to do a lot of self-teaching." ~ Shawna Barnett, '02	"It was a hard class because it was difficult to solve equations, and I'm not very smart in that department." ~ Melissa Titus, '01

Review time

Working out a math problem on the marker board for an upcoming Pre-Calculus test, junior Aaron Knowles attempts to figure out the answer. Some students found it necessary to do a lot of extra reviewing because of the very difficult Pre-Calculus tests. "The tests and quizzes are a lot harder then they were in Math 3. We don't get to use notes on the tests like we did in lower math classes. Pre-Calculus is a more advanced class and I'm not use to all of the extra time and work that is required to succeed in this class," said sophomore Kari Boscaljon. Pre-Calculus was the second highest math class available. *photo by Melissa Miller*



Drawing angles

Completing a triangle on the computer during Topics in Math, junior Nick Bass and senior Leah Hoffschneider try to figure a problem using their shape. *photo by S. Sauber*



Extra studying. Juniors Megan Stetson and Andee Jo Houle and senior Katie Weisz prepare for the A.P. math exam. *photo by Sarah Sauber*

“A.P. Calculus is a higher level math class. I wanted to take this class so I didn't have to take it in college. The people in there want to learn. They know when they need to work, but they also know when and how to have fun.”

~ David Kesse, '00

“It was a little hard but it wasn't very bad because I took Math 1 in the middle school, so I remembered what I had already learned. I took Math 2 first semester so I wouldn't have a semester to forget everything in Math 1.”

~ Anjana Rao, '02



Double check. Looking off sophomore Erin Rosberg's paper, sophomore Jayme Whitaker checks her answers to a Math 2 assignment. *photo by Sarah Sauber*

Listen up

Freshman Josh Armstrong takes notes off of the board and pays attention to the teacher, Mrs. Stephanie Groathouse, during a Fundamentals of Algebra and Geometry class. This class was a prerequisite to the other math classes offered. *photo by Sarah Sauber*



Math 3

"If you pay attention in the class and don't goof around very much you can do o.k. in the class."

~ Ben Wicks, '00

Topics in Math

"Topics is a good class because you work on problems that deal with the real world."

~ Sadie Braune, '99

Pre-Calculus

"The teacher (Mr. Steve Smith) knows what he is talking about and can teach it very well."

~ Ryan Seaberg, '01

A.P. Calculus

"This is a more challenging math class. The concepts are harder than in other (math) classes."

~ J.D. Marvin, '00



• Collective calculations

- Working together on their homework assignments for the next day, sophomore Rob Wigger, junior Cory Campbell and senior Lauren Conway try to find an answer to a math problem in their Math 3 class. "Math is a little easier with block scheduling," said Wigger. "It gives you more time to work on your assignment and you can ask (the teacher) more questions. Something I would change is having a set time to lecture and a set time (for students) to do assignments." In most classes, the first half was spent teaching or lecturing and during the second half of class students were able to work on their homework. *photo by Sarah Sauber*

CHANGE

Each year new equipment and supplies are added to the science department, but this year the addition came in the form of time. The new format of block scheduling used for science courses gave students an additional 45 minutes in class to explore concepts and cover more chapters. "Having an extra class period of science in a row was nice because it gave us more time to discuss the chapters and ask questions," said sophomore Michelle Fergesen.

Another addition to the department was physical science and chemistry teacher, Mrs. Stephanie Wilson. This increase of science instructors raised the problem of classroom assignments. Wilson was unable to have her own room and was forced to travel to other science rooms to teach. *spread by Amelia Groetsch*

Unfrisky felines

Cracking open the chest of a feline specimen, senior Joel Ashby exposes the cat's inner organs in Advanced Biology. *photo by Jen White*



Physical Science

"We watched movies on Fridays like *Volcano* and *Armageddon* because they involved things we studied."
~ Nick Miller, '02

Biology

"Mr. (Jim) Mahoney made it interesting by allowing us to do lots of labs and hands-on activities."
~ Kate Winzenburg, '01

General Chemistry

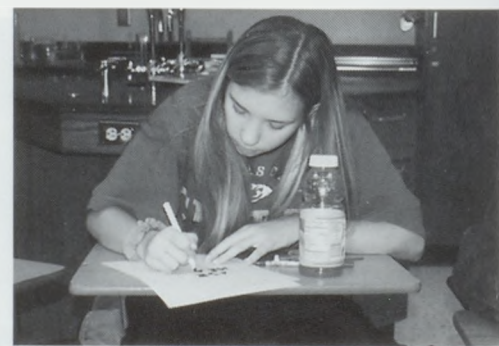
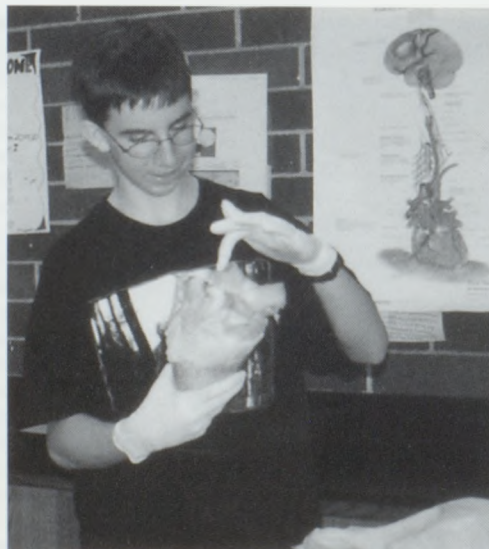
"The food unit was my favorite because we got to learn what food was made up of and how important it is."
~ Kaylin Bird, '01

Honors Chemistry

"I studied a ton for this class, did my homework and asked questions, but I still failed every test I took."
~ Joe Darr, '00

Heart in your hand

Pointing out the main artery, sophomore Ben Fredregill inspects the different parts of a preserved cow's heart in Mr. Jim Mahoney's biology class. This experiment allowed students to have a closer look into the main parts of the circulatory system. Students studied the body's systems and their functions. "I really liked dissecting things in biology because I could slice things open and touch all the slimy parts on the inside," said sophomore Nathan Schaad. "The cow's heart smelled really bad, but, of course, I did get to use a sharp scalpel and stick my fingers into all the different arteries and chambers," said Schaad. *photo by Sarah Sauber*



Mole master

Junior Misti Thoren makes a sign to wear on Mole Day. On October 23, chemistry students celebrated by making posters to advertise the day. *photo by Megan Setson*

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Light up your life. Sophomore John Messerly observes the difference in light emittance from a 60 watt lightbulb in physics. *photo by Amelia Groetsch*

“ I always understood the labs we did in physics, but the tests were a lot harder. They were harder because Mr. (Michael) Partington didn't lecture very often and then he put things on the tests that he didn't cover.”

~ Jeremy Burns, '00

“ My favorite thing in Conceptual Physics was labs. The best lab was popping popcorn. First we had to count the kernels and then we timed how long they took to pop. We were trying to figure out how much power was needed.”

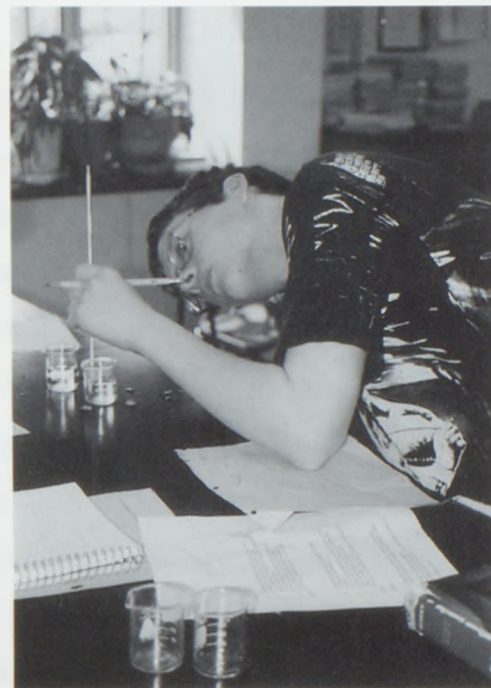
~ Ryan Hargens, '99



Popcorn perfection. As junior Evan Noble opens the popper, sophomore Nathan Gerger peers inside to see how many kernels did not pop. *photo by Amelia Groetsch*

Mercury rising

Checking the final temperature of the boiling water for a chemistry lab in Mrs. Stephanie Wilson's fourth block chemistry class, sophomore Sean Moorehouse notes the degree marking in Celsius. *photo by Amelia Groetsch*



Conceptual Physics

"We did a lot of little labs. I think we had one a day and we took some kind of a test or quiz each day, too."

~ Jen Gleason, '99

Physics

"This class wasn't that bad. We did a lot of labs that made sense and helped explain the concepts."

~ Kevin Walters, '99

Advanced Biology

"It wasn't just the topics, but also Mr. (Jim) Mahoney's unique sense of humor that made the class fun."

~ J.D. Marvin, '00

Marine Biology

"I loved going to Florida over spring break to work with marine life. I never thought I'd actually get to do that."

~ Wendy Palensky, '00

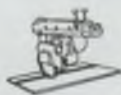


Basic tendencies

- As freshman Tim Hilby holds the tray steady, his lab partner, freshman Josh Weller, adds baking soda to their test tube for a lab in Mr. Dennis Briggs' physical science class. Students studied the physical properties of acids and bases and learned about the pH scale. They also did various experiments testing the level of acidity in common products found around the house. "It was interesting testing the different kinds of things we eat or use at home and see whether they were acids or bases," said freshman Andrew Stone.
- "Some of the outcomes surprised me because I didn't think they would be bases." *photo by Amelia Groetsch*

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KEEP FIT

A new class was added to the curriculum offering another form of exercise at school - Personal Wellness. It was a class to broaden ideas about health and fitness in the classroom.

Junior Jaime McMillen said, "Personal Wellness was different from P.E. because every other day we learned about health and also cooked. On other days that we weren't in the classroom we did gym-related activities."

The class was more practical than P.E. because it went beyond exercising to learn new ways. "Personal Wellness has made exercising more realistic. The focus is on exercise and nutrition," said instructor Mrs. Lisa Stange. "Life long lessons are taught about disorders, like anorexia, and how to prevent them are discussed."

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Downhill coasting

Sophomore John Quick snowboards on a hill during the annual P.E. field trip to Sleepy Hollow Sports Park. photo by Lisette Cabrera



9th P.E.	10th P.E.	11 & 12th P.E.	Personal Wellness
"I think that students active in sports throughout the year shouldn't have to take P.E. at all, or for a semester." ~ Chris Hayes, '02	"The nice thing about P.E. is if you forget your clothes you can at least get some points for participating." ~ Lisa Nelson, '01	"We play things like ping-pong and badminton. I like more rough and contact sports." ~ Jeff Decker, '00	"It is a fun class because you learn more interesting things than just going to gym and playing different games." ~ Emily Hoffman, '01

Messin' it up

Stirring a mixture of eggs and milk, sophomore Jami Shackelford prepares her French toast batter in Personal Wellness. The class had many opportunities for the students. "Every other day we have to dress, like P.E. During the spring we rollerbladed and did a lot outside," said Shackelford. "This class is really neat because the students basically make up and decide what to do for the day. The days we cooked we tried to make up new and healthier ways of eating. One day, a few of us put ice cream, rice krispies and chocolate in a cup. We were surprised when our own creation was so delicious and unique." photo by Tara McGowan



Pizza, pizza

Enjoying her slice of homemade pizza, junior Sarah Kindig watches a movie in Foods while associate Bobbie McClellan also enjoys her slice. photo by Tara McGowan

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Jot it down. Taking notes on a movie in Foods II, sophomore Lindsey Olney enjoys an afternoon snack she prepared. *photo by Tara McGowan*

“I think (Foods II) is good because it was easy for me because I enjoy cooking. We watched videos on how to make pasta. My favorite thing was free cooking days. We would bring our own ingredients and we would make what ever we wanted.”

~ Beth Huss, '02

“We made these really neat vests. It took a lot of time and work but it was worth it. The only bad thing was we didn't have many colors of fabric to choose from. I like this class (Leisure Arts) because it is different and fun.”

~ Natalie Haller, '01



Friendship ties. Collecting string in Leisure Arts class, freshman Mandy Jess is busy making a friendship bracelet for her assignment. *photo by Marcus Twigg*

Sizzlin' skillet

Frying bacon in Foods II, senior Shane Foster finishes his assignment. “I like having Foods in the morning because I can sleep in and miss breakfast and not go hungry,” said sophomore Ben Merrill. *photo by Tara McGowan*



Adaptive P.E.

“We went on walks, played with the parachute, bowled and went on field trips to Special Olympic activities.”
~ Mrs. Beth Ward, faculty

Leisure Arts

“I liked the class because you don't learn out of books. She (Mrs. Lisa Stange) teaches you one-on-one.”
~ Julie Robertson, '01

Foods II

“Pizza was my favorite food we made. I like sauce, crust and cheese on mine. It was better than I had thought.”
~ Ryan McNearney, '02

Personal Living

“The class shows you the kind of job you will need to make enough money to get you to where you want to be in life”
~ Nicole Benson, '99



Slappin' the shuttlecock

While playing badminton in P.E., junior Keen Harvey perfects his swing. The P.E. teachers introduced the rules on how to play properly and the game became popular among students, but some got tired of the sport. “Badminton is a lot of fun but it gets kind of old if you play the game a lot outside of P.E. and then in the class,” said junior Eric Fritz. “I have a court in my backyard so I am pretty good, but I don't enjoy it as much as I used to.” Although some students had the chance to play on a regular basis, others were not so lucky and started to develop injuries. “After a couple of weeks I got this terrible arm pain,” said sophomore Alanna Allen. *photo by Matt McCrea*

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Academics

Pre-school songs

Practicing at a 7 a.m. meeting, sophomore Marcie Green tweaks the reed of her clarinet while sophomore Angela Horstman keeps up the tempo. *photo by Megan Stetson*



Push me in the middle

Dancin' to the air keyboardist, freshman Cody Lewton, freshmen Lindsey Ruisch and Mary Winzenburg swing out to his rockin' style. *photo by Jennifer White*



Mismatched star

Clapping along to the beat, junior Christine Ybarra acts as a clown during the fall play and eggs on her fellow clowns. *photo by Lisette Cabrera*



Up-close and intent

Concentrating on the director, senior Amy Palmer vocalizes at the spring chorus concert. *photo by Michelle Collignon*



Front row sparklers

Flashing their jazz hands, seniors Emily Haight and Joel Ashby perform *Let's Go Crazy*, as part of Innovation's Prince medley. *photo by Jennifer White*



High flying twirler

Getting ready to throw her baton in the air, freshman Erika Devine shows off her stuff at a home football game. Devine performed along side the marching band at half-time. *photo by Matt McCrea*



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Royal court prayers

Folding their hands for a blessing, seniors Sarah Martin and Katie Barnett sing *I Have Longed for Thy Saving Health* for the first Madrigal performance. The song was a blessing sung or spoken before sitting down to eat. photo by Michelle Collignon

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Balance act in heels

Carefully walking down the stairs, freshman Jin Hu exits the stage after singing at the spring chorus concert. photo by Jennifer White



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Supporting cow pride

Trumpeting during the Halloween football game, senior Kevin Walters intently follows his leader's directions. Walters was the creator of the cow pride theme for marching band. photo by Sarah Sauber



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In over his head

All mixed up and grounded, sophomore Eric Hansen attempts to untangle himself in a drama play. Hansen was a student in fifth period drama. photo by Lisette Cabrera

Loss of Recognition

Marching band loses chance for a top rating at state

The marching band competed in two competitions: Valleyfest and the Blue Springs, Missouri, Marching Festival. They earned a superior Division I rating in both.

They were scheduled to go to state at Lincoln, but because of poor weather the competition was cancelled due to poor weather. It was not rescheduled because the next week was state competition. If state would have been rescheduled at a later time, it would have been too cold for the participants to march.

After all of their hard work, they were unable to show off their talent. "I was kind of upset that we didn't go to state because we worked really hard for it," said sophomore Amy Schoepf.

If marching band would have gone to state, they would have competed for a Division I rating, the highest honor given to a band. "We have gotten a consecutive first and it was a disappointment to break the streak," said Ms. Jessica Paff. *spread by Sarah Sauber and Stephanie Strack*



Ready and waiting

Holding the correct ready position, senior Steve Meiners waits for the right cue from one of the drum majors. "The best part of the season was during the last game when the seniors went out onto the field during the last song and dumped a bucket of water on Ms. (Jessica) Paff's head," said Meiners. *photo by Matt Ring*



To the beat of her own drum

Concentrating on beating at the right time, sophomore Alanna Allen plays her timpani during the homecoming game. *photo by Matt Ring*

Dressed for the part

In a Pippa Longstocking costume, freshman Jenny Reimann plays her sax during the Halloween game. *photo by Sarah Sauber*

Playing with fire

Senior Alyssa Andrews twirls her flaming baton during the homecoming game. Andrews said, "One downside of twirling with fire on my baton is that it sprays hot oil all over my face, hair, clothes and everything else while I'm trying to twirl." Andrews also said that she did not usually practice with fire on her baton. She lights the fire on the baton just before she is ready to perform. *photo by Matt Ring*



Fright night

At the last game of the performing season, senior Karolina Czerwinski plays her clarinet in full costume. "(Senior) Amanda (Sellers) and I just got all these old swing choir outfits and any other dorky outfits we could find to wear," said Czerwinski. *photo by S. Sauber*





• True colors

• Dressed up in a 1950's style poodle skirt, freshman Brynea Thrasher carefully spins her flag during the pregame performance at the Marshalltown game. Decked out in their brand new uniforms, the color guards nicknamed themselves the "Guard Mafia." A majority of the team was made up of the younger freshmen. However, the older members of the squad were given the major responsibility of leading the color guards. "Last year, the team was made up of mostly seniors who were really good and this year there were a lot of freshmen who weren't very experienced in marching," said sophomore Laura Warren. The color guard also missed out on a chance to go to state competitions. "I was really upset that we didn't get a chance to go to state because this would have been my last chance to perform here because next year I am moving to Minnesota," said sophomore Anna Frederick. photo by Michelle Norton

Turn it Up

The marching band earned a fourth place finish at the Blue Springs, Missouri, Marching Festival on October 3. The band was also awarded the "Highest Music Achievement Score of the Day."

Marching band placed sixth at the Valleyfest Showdown on October 10. Kirsten Frederick, '99; Pam Thomas, '99 and Kevin Walters, '99 were named "Outstanding Drum Majors of Class 4A" and "Outstanding Overall."

Out of the band members selected to audition for All-State, Kirsten Frederick, '99, oboe; Emily Slattery, '99, French horn and Travis Anderson, '00, bari sax were chosen to participate in the All-State orchestra or band.



• Belting out

Playing their tubas, sophomore Robert Shumaker and senior Chris Ceolla concentrate on hitting the correct notes at the right time. photo by Matt Ring

• Blow your own horn

• Standing in a straight line, freshman Aaron Yates plays his trumpet. Yates said, "This year was tougher because I had morning practices." photo by Matt Ring



Experience is something we can only gain by hard work, practice and more years of marching. We have the skills that we need, but all we have to do is develop them.

Kristi Kielhorn, '01

Not getting the chance to go to the state competition was a little disappointing. It was our last big push, our last competition and would have been our last performance in our uniforms.

David Kesse, '00



The year started out rotten because the show wasn't together. Then as the season went on, we got more focused during our practices and had more fun while we were working.

Pam Thomas, '99

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Triumph In Top Ratings

Wind ensemble earns three "1" superior ratings

A second year of having a divided concert band led to a lot of achievement. An example is the wind ensemble.

The wind ensemble, also known as the first band, competed in three competitions, including state. In each of the competitions they received a "1" superior rating.

"(This group was a) joy to work with and one of the most talented groups I have ever had," said wind ensemble director Ms. Jessica Paff.

The second band was called

the concert band. They performed at more contests than the wind ensemble. At the Adventureland competition, they played in a non-rated level and received comments only. At the Newton and large group competitions, they played in another level and earned a "III" good rating.

"(My favorite part was) being able to go to all of the contests and perform," said freshman Jennifer Bittner, who was a part of the concert band. *spread by Sarah Sauber*



In the spotlight

Playing a solo at an end-of-the-year performance, sophomore Ian Bradt concentrates on hitting the correct notes at the right time. Bradt was on both jazz and wind ensemble. "(Being in the jazz band) is a lot of hard work, but when you finally get to the competitions, all of the work is worth it," said Bradt. *photo by Reuben Vanderkwaak*



Playing the same part

Sophomore Kaylin Bird and freshman Abby Dewitt play their clarinets at a concert band practice. *photo by Megan Stetson*

Using practice time

Playing her tuba, freshman Kate Rydberg practices during the concert band class. *photo by Megan Stetson*

Perfection takes time

Reading the notes in front of him, junior Jeremy Burns plays the wind ensemble pieces of music during class. "We are all talented musicians and we can all play more complicated and challenging pieces of music," said Burns. The concert band practiced during first hour. *photo by Megan Stetson*



Playing side by side

Perfecting their pieces of music, senior Natalie Beck and sophomore Amy Schoepf get ready for an upcoming performance. "I think we could have been better, but the band is going through a lot of changes right now," said Beck. *photo by Megan Stetson*





• On your feet

- Standing up to play his part during the end-of-the-year performance, junior Sandeep Rao plays for the jazz ensemble.
- "This year was one of our best years ever. We accomplished something that people thought we could never do. We beat other award winning bands when we went to state," said Rao. The jazz bands were also divided into two different bands, jazz band and jazz ensemble. The jazz band did not attend any contests. The jazz ensemble, a more advanced band, enjoyed a successful season. "This is the best year we have ever had (in jazz ensemble)," said director Ms. Jessica Paff. The jazz ensemble participated in five different competitions. All of which they placed within the top ten. At the Iowa Jazz Championships, their state competition, the jazz ensemble placed 12th in the state. The jazz ensemble was also named jazz champion, which had not been accomplished since 1990. photo by Reuben Vanderkwaak

Turn it Up

There were 100 students in both concert bands. There were 42 in wind ensemble and 58 in concert band.

Jazz Ensemble:

- SCIBA Jazz-fifth place out of 18
- Tallcorn Jazz-10th place out of 18
- Horner Jazz-seventh place out of 18
- Jazz in the Bluffs-fourth place
- Iowa Jazz Championships-12th in the entire state

Outstanding Solos:

- SCIBA & Tallcorn-
- Sandeep Rao, '00-alto sax
- -Kevin Walters, '99-trumpet
- Justin Hazebroek, '02-trumpet
- Hoover & Jazz in the Bluffs-
- all of the above
- Travis Anderson, '00-bari sax

Walters was named "Best Soloist of the Day" at the Jazz in the Bluffs competition.



Going over the notes

Freshman Justin Hazebroek concentrates on his music while playing the trumpet at a Johnston performance. photo by Reuben Vanderkwaak

• Letting it out

- Belting out notes on his tuba, senior Chris Ceolla performs for wind ensemble during a concert. photo by Reuben Vanderkwaak



My favorite part (of being in the concert band) was going to all of the different competitions, because we were able to go somewhere else and do something outside of the school.

Carl Limyao, '01

(My favorite part was) the State Jazz Championships. We were never there before and we all worked very hard to get there. When we finally got there all of our hard work had paid off.

Sarah Tuttle, '00



(One thing that was bad was) when we didn't get anything done during rehearsals because people were screwing around. We had a lot of people that didn't want to be in the band.

Courtney Douglas, '02



Michelle "O-Jell-O" Collignon, Megan "Mehqz" Stetson,
Melissa "Ring's Thing" Miller, Matt "I want Melissa" Ring,
Sarah "What?" Sauber, Alyssa "Anal" Ranney, Jennifer "Hadewiks" Wiley

"YEARBOOK 2000"

Individually robed

Segregation created a new sort of mixed chorus

Since the music department exploded in the number of members, it was decided to split the "mixed chorus" into a separate men's and women's chorus. This allowed each group to explore a different aspect of singing, although some were critical of the change.

"I like having the boys singing with us. I liked mixed choir a lot better because I don't like the sound of all girls singing," said senior Katie Barnett.

However, despite some negative feedback toward the

program, much was learned by splitting up.

"I think being split up helped us develop our voices better. We were able to challenge ourselves with harder songs like the six-part *Ave Maria*," said sophomore Ann Miller.

Overall, the change allowed for speculation.

"This was a great opportunity to see what we could do on our own without girls, who are usually the bigger role in mixed chorus," said junior Adam Graaf. *spread by White, Frank and McG*



Blending voices

Serenading the audience, junior Craig McFarling and sophomore Joe Smeltzer sing *The Awakening* during one of the men's performances in the spring concert. "I think this year went pretty well since we brought home so many trophies from competitions," said Smeltzer. *photo by Jen White*



Breathe a deep breath

Chanting one of their six sections, juniors Bolekwa Sifo and Nompumelelo Pangalele sing *Ave Maria*. *photo by Jennifer White*

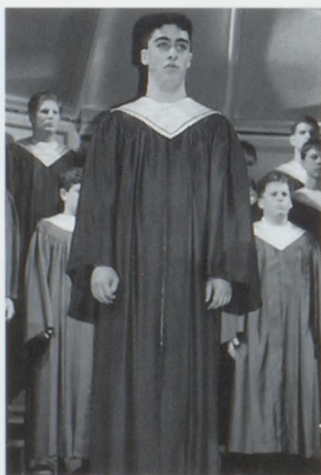


Cordless and curly Fred

Displaying her voice, senior Kirsten Frederick goes solo at the April concert. Frederick also played the oboe for the women's choir. *photo by Jen White*

Single-handed lyrics

Taking the spotlight, freshman Andrew Stone straightens up for his solo. Stone was a member of both men's chorus and concert choir. *photo by Michelle Collignon*



Equilibrium check

Stabilizing their tone, freshmen Whitney Armstrong, A.J. Konz and Alison Waggoner follow Mrs. Jodell White's cue. The freshman chorus leaders changed at semester. Mr. Wes Hansmeyer and Mr. Jim Larrabee took over second semester. *photo by M. Collignon*





• **Different expectations**

• Standing under the bright, hot lights of the auditorium, sophomore Kristin Demanett and juniors Haverlee Ottley and Erin Samson perform *Where Dwells the Soul of My Love*. Samson said, "I really could relate to this song and feel like putting emotions into it." Samson did not feel that way about all the pieces mixed chorus was given to sing. "Some of the music was difficult to learn and hard to retain. The parts were given a lot of time commitments, which are hard to commit to," said Samson. Sophomore Meredith Avaux had a different opinion on the class. "The only frustrating thing to me was when people didn't know when to shut their mouths and only open them to sing," said Avaux. "But I think we accomplished more this year than some people realize. (Mr. Wes) Hansmeyer knew what we had to get done in order to be an awesome choir. We just needed to get down to work." photo by Michelle Collignon

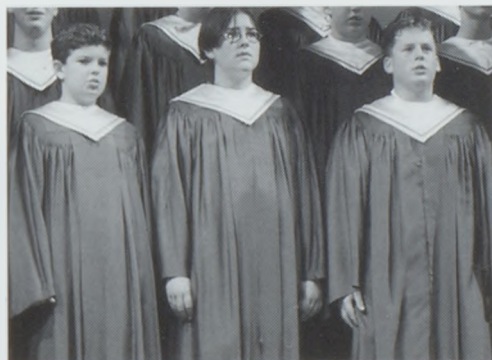
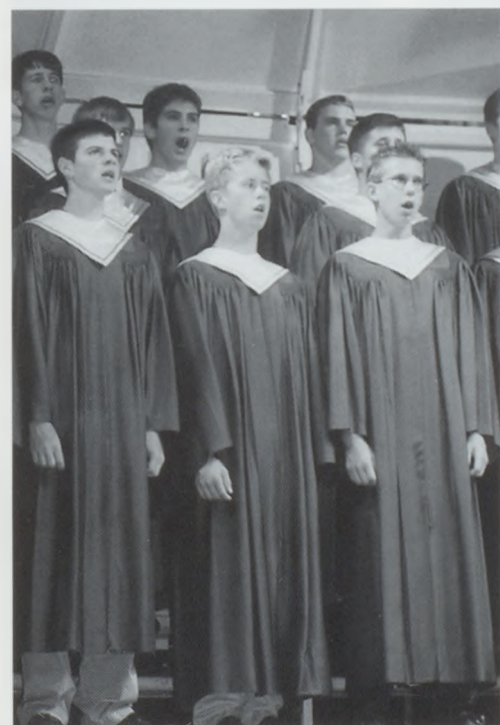
Turn it Up

Mixed chorus performed at the Blue Water Festival in Okoboji. Both guys and girls competed in the same bracket, the girls' choir took second place, while the guys received third.

At the Large Group competition held at Valley, both guys' and girls' mixed choirs received a "I" rating and the freshman chorus received a "II."

The mixed chorus performed for the last time at Commencement. They sang *Gaelic Blessing*, which was translated into English from the original Scottish language. The song promised luck to those who listened to its words.

There weren't enough robes to cover both guys' and girls' choirs, so the guys wore tuxes instead.



• **Three-in-the-tree**

Lined upon the risers, freshmen Matt Bower, Mike Gauthier and Shawn McAndrews watch Mrs. Jodell White for timing. photo by Michelle Collignon

• **Face forward and stand still**

• Driving their voices toward the audience, freshmen Martin Glendenning, Brian Johnson and Ryan Midtlyng sing on their side of the stage. photo by M. Collignon



• I think we were most effective at Blue Water, and probably the most focused and refreshed, so it was hard to make it better. We worked on what the judges told us to at Large Group. ♡

Haley Wheeler, '01

• I think (splitting the chorus) was necessary because there were so many people in chorus and we couldn't get much done. Even if ten people were whispering, it was a big distraction. ♡

Christina De Hamer, '99



• (For the Grease song), we didn't have to dress formally; it was a fun song and it was fun being in Grease. There was more freedom to move and we didn't have to stare at the director. ♡

Nick Reed, '02

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Lasting Impressions

Concert choir put on a dinner show to remember

The choir participated in Large Group at Valley High School, a holiday show at Younkers and performed three seasonal concerts. They also traveled to Okoboji for a festival and received first place.

Madrigal dinner was also a large part of concert choir. The choir put in a lot of time and effort inside and outside of class for Madrigal. "It is a good display of musicianship and it is a fun time for everyone," said senior Rory Flynn. "The costumes add color and style to the whole show

and take away from the nineties."

Aside from Madrigal, choir director Mrs. Jodell White and piano accompanist Mr. Jim Larrabee worked with the choir on skills that helped them to improve the human voice.

The overall year went well and it was very positive. White said, "The concert choir had a very successful year. The students performed well both in the concert arena and in the Madrigal performances." *spread by Michelle Collignon*



Proper annunciation

Singing during the winter choral concert, seniors Cindy Löffler and Sarah Martin sing with the choir. The concert had a Broadway theme. The concert choir performed two songs from *The Musicman*. The two songs were *Iowa Stubborn* and *Pick a Little, Talk a Little*. *photo by Michelle Collignon*



Say a little prayer

Seniors Emily Haight and Joel Ashby fold their hands together to pray during Madrigal for the song *I Have Longed*. *photo by Michelle Collignon*



Hit that note

Reaching for a high note during a seasonal concert freshman Emily Scholten harmonizes. *photo by Michelle Collignon*

Flute loop

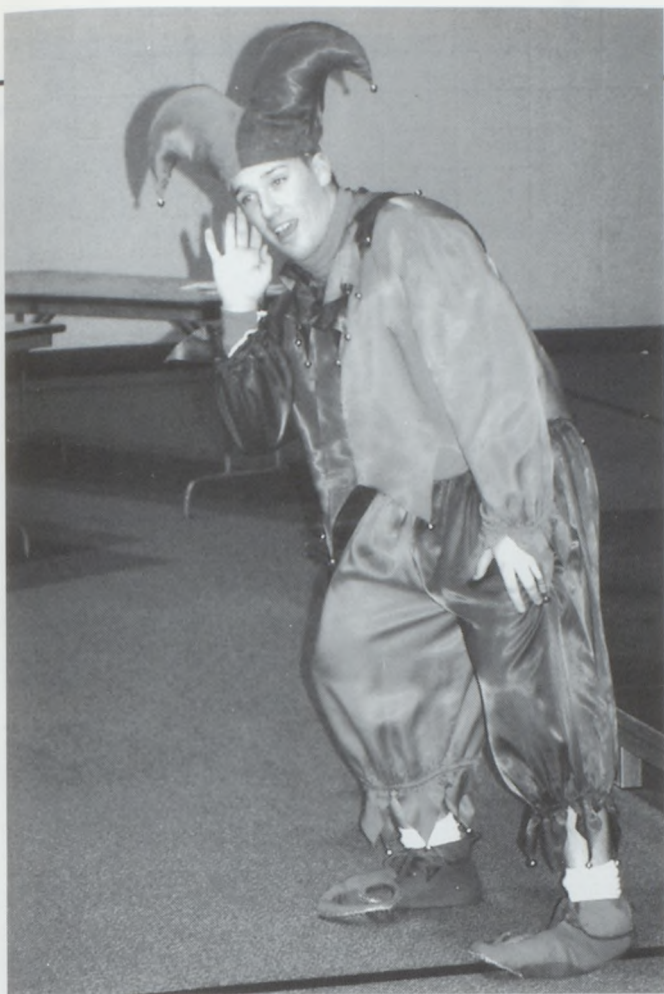
During the fall concert, senior Katie Barnett plays the flute along with the song *How Can I Keep From Singing*. "I thought it was a lot of fun to play with the choir. I get to do two things that I really enjoy at the same time. I also like how they sound together and I like to play accompaniment," said Barnett, referring to singing and playing the flute during the same song. *photo by Michelle Collignon*



Boar roar

Carrying the invisible boar head, sophomores Ian Bradt, Nathan Schaad, Chris Goode and junior Ryan Burnley sing along with the choir at the Madrigal dress rehearsal. They were singing the song *The Boar's Head Carol*. *photo by Michelle Collignon*





• **Time will tell**

- Holding his hand to his ear in the opening, senior Jared Carl listens for time. Carl's line was, "What time is it now? Oh my in good heaven, it is fourteen hundred ninety plus seven."
- Carl played the royal jester. The dinner went well according to Carl and he did not think that one part stood out more than another. "The skits went well, but one time a member of the royal court forgot their line so (senior) John Heth and I got a little messed up but we just played it out from there and everything ended up going okay," said Carl.
- The Madrigal dinner is to concert choir as performances are to swing choir. "Including dress rehearsal, setting up and running the show through we all put in about eight hours each," said junior Amelia Groetsch. "All of our hard work is demonstrated the nights of the dinners. Performing without having Mrs. (Jodell) White direct us proves what we can accomplish on our own."

photo by Michelle Collignon

Turn it Up

- The second night of Madrigal was sold out. Over 425 tickets were sold all together.

- The cost of the Madrigal dinner was \$20 per person.

- Two new songs were added to the Madrigal performance. The songs were *Sing Noel* and *O Vos Omnes*.

- On June 4, concert choir participated in a performance at the Civic Center with Simon Estes and other choirs from the Metropolitan area.

- New dresses were purchased for the girls in time for spring concert performances.

- The group also competed in Large Group Contest at Valley High School.



• **Your royal highnesses**

Singing the first song of Madrigal, senior royalty Julie Heffling and John Heth welcome their guests. Heffling and Heth were the queen and king.

• **Right foot first**

- Walking in during the processional, seniors Tanner Hockensmith and Kaitlin Rainwater follow Mrs. Jodell White's cue.

photo by M. Collignon



My favorite part of Madrigal is serving the wassail because you get to interact with the audience. Concert choir is a select group that is all about hard work, devotion and fun.

Nick Reed, '02

The best part of Madrigal was the show because we really pulled it off. No matter how rushed we are, it all comes together in the end and it is just a lot of fun for all.

Keegan Armstrong, '00



I had always wanted to have a solo (for Madrigal) since my first year (of concert choir). Madrigal is one of the things I will remember more after I am out of high school.

Emily Miller, '99



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Pulling Through

Excellence was achieved despite lack of focus

The show choirs had seasons to be proud of after placing in the top six at all of Innovation's six competitions and Sound Advice's four. A difficulty they had to deal with was focusing in practice.

Sound Advice member sophomore Mike Porto said, "There were some people that didn't work that hard. We did better due to new leaders in the group."

Similar problems occurred in Innovation. Junior Jenny Bond said, "We could have done a lot of good things, but didn't get a

chance to because we weren't serious enough in class."

Innovation director Mrs. Jodell White said, "(They were) really social and liked to talk, but we still got the job done. We just had to corral their energy in the right direction for performances."

Even though the show choirs did not concentrate as well as they could have, Innovation was Grand Champion at Fort Atkinson and Sound Advice won first at the Urbandale competition. *spread by Megan Stetson*



Working trio

With ties off and over their shoulders, juniors Grant Mandsager and Matt Herrmann and sophomore Joe Weisz end the song, *Takin' Care of Business*, during a concert for Innovation. *Takin' Care of Business* was a song that the guys performed while the girls were changing for the next set. *photo by Michelle Collignon*



Picture perfect ending

To finish a performance, freshman Nick Reed supports freshman Mary Winzenburg during their final pose. *photo by Megan Stetson*

Slow it down

During the Sound Advice ballad at the February concert, sophomore Hannah Cline sings *Someone Like You*. *photo by Michelle Collignon*

Movin' to the music

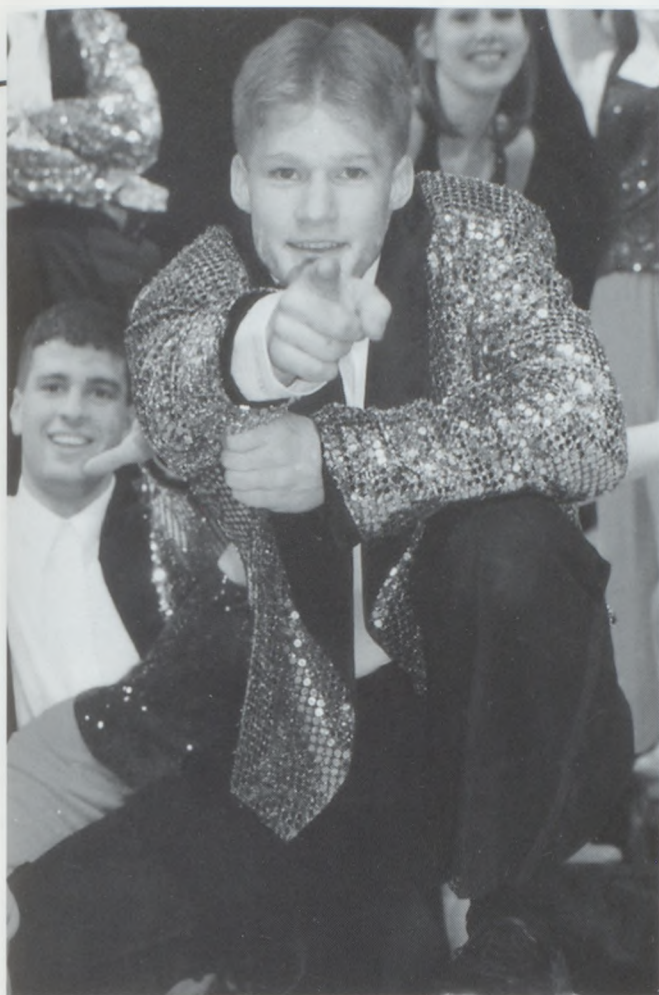
During a Sound Advice performance, sophomore Andy Heffling and freshman Jon Ellis sing and dance to the song *Walkin' on Sunshine*. "The Urbandale performance was a time when we performed really well since we got first place," said Heffling. "We had trouble beating Urbandale at other times during the year. In the warm-up room that day, we got a speech from our accompanist, Jim (Larrabee), that fired us up." *photo by Megan Stetson*



Synchronized swinging

In a row, seniors Kirsten Frederick and Lisa Oviatt and junior Amelia Groetsch dance to the song, *Jump, Jive and Wail* during the February concert. This song and *Rock this Town* were performed as the closing set for Innovation. *photo by Megan Stetson*





• **Posing prince**

Pointing to the crowd, senior Dan Johnson finishes the song *Let's Go Crazy*. Johnson said, "We competed well (in Innovation), even when we went to new states and competed with new choirs. Our sound was incredible." For this reason, Innovation received Best Vocals at the Fort Atkinson competition. Sophomore Brian Huff thought they did "awesome, due to all of the time and effort we put in." After being in Sound Advice, Huff said, "There's no comparison. Innovation is a lot more fun and you get to go on more trips. The intensity level of Innovation is much greater than in Sound Advice." A big part of Innovation was the many costume changes they had. Junior Erin Samson said, "We were competing in Wisconsin and I had to dance on a table for our swing set. We had a costume change right before I got on the table and the velcro on my polka dot skirt came undone, so I was dancing with only cheerleaders on." photo by M. Collignon

Turn it Up

The show choirs held a winter performance in December. They performed with the Barber Shop Chorus.

A total of 61 singers were in Sound Advice and 52 singers were in Innovation.

After the first choreography weekend, 10 Innovation guys used 160 rolls of toilet paper to T.P. director Mrs. Jodell White's house. They kidnapped her stuffed cactus from her car that she got as a souvenir in Arizona. The cactus was returned to her at the end-of-the-year performance.

Innovation went to the Metro Show Choir Performance where they performed noncompetitively. This was the first year for this annual event.



• **On the floor**

Scuffling forward, sophomore Jon Lewton and senior Chris Ceretti sing for Innovation. Singers put tape and hairspray on their shoes for traction on the slick floors. photo by M. Stetson

• **Divine duo**

With a scarf and cane in hand, freshmen Lindsay Ruisch and Cody Lewton dance together during a Sound Advice performance. photo by Megan Stetson



"I liked performing at competitions. My favorite was Urbandale because it was the closest and there were a lot of schools there that I knew. We also did well there."

Bekah Morris, '02

"I think we did really well. We worked hard as a team and a lot of the work paid off in the end. The most memorable thing was Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin. We all had a great time."

Ryan Burnley, '00



"Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin was my favorite performance. We were grand champions. We weren't expecting it though, so we didn't have our hopes set on it and were really surprised."

Meredith Calhoun, '00

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Dramatic Variety

Drama exposed students to more than just acting

Getting up in front of a group can be a challenge to many people. Drama classes helped overcome this fright in the midst of fun. "I have more confidence in myself because I had to get up in front of the class," said sophomore Lindsay Phillips.

Calming nerves was only one of the benefits of taking drama. "I wanted the students to experience all the different things that go into making theater," said Mrs. Phyllis Caswell.

This was accomplished in

both Drama I and II as students were involved in many activities that exposed a greater realm of theater and drama. "We read a lot of plays, created props and made masks out of paper mache," said junior Brandon Ream.

For the semester final, each Drama I class performed a one-act play. One class wrote their own. "This was the first time a class had written an entire play," said Caswell. "It was exciting to see and turned out very well." spread by Lisette Cabrera



A different arrangement

Sophomores Ryan Jameson and Kate Slusark perform during their original play "Kinda, Sorta, Cinderella" written by the class. "We wanted something different, something everyone could be in and enjoy," said Jameson. "It was hard starting from scratch and getting everyone to agree, but it turned out well and we had fun." photo by Megan Stetson



Begging for parts

During their drama play, sophomores Jessi McMillen and Julie Robertson act as two Parisian beggars. photo by Megan Stetson



Preaching at the park

Portraying a die-hard revivalist, sophomore Faith Hall speaks to an amusement park crowd during the play "Help!" photo by Megan Stetson

After the vows

Walking down the aisle, seniors Karolina Czerwinski and Aaron Atkinson play the parts of two young lovers in the fall play "Our Town." "In the wedding scene, there is one part where Karolina and I had to fake kiss," said Atkinson. "When we performed for the middle schoolers, we held it really long and they just oo'd and ahh'd like 'can you really do that?'" photo by Michelle Collignon



Mother to mother

Senior Sarah Meston, portraying Mrs. Gibbs, chit-chats with her neighbor and friend Mrs. Webb, played by senior Amanda Sellers during "Our Town." The two characters' son and daughter fall in love throughout the course of the play. photo by Lisette Cabrera



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Tune in

The fall play "Our Town" was written to be performed on a bare stage with little use of props. This created a challenge as actors had to practice and perform by visualizing the set in their minds.

The children's play in the spring, "A Clown's Play," was very interactive. The audience was invited to join in on the fun by helping the actors with certain lines. The cast also moved off the stage and out among the audience throughout the play.

For their semester final, Drama I students had to perform a play. Directors were chosen from each class and votes were taken to decide which play to perform. The classes practiced for nearly five weeks and performed twice.

• Above the beanstalk

• Playing the parts of the giant and his wife, sophomore Tim Atkinson and senior Cassie Christensen perform during "A Clown's Play." It was a children's play following the story of Jack and the Beanstalk performed by a group of clowns. The play turned out to be a big hit with both the casts and the audience. "It was great to see all the little kids loving it so much," said Christensen. "It was my favorite of the four plays I've been in." The colorful clowns got a chance to get the audience involved. Junior Anne Peterman played Mustard, the clown who narrated the story. "I got to interact with the kids and talk to them a lot," said Peterman. "I got to see what they had to say so they could help tell the story." The play also allowed for creativity. "When we performed on Friday, we improvised a lot," said freshman Natalie Baltzley. "We barely stuck to the script. The little kids loved the play. They cheered and the place was crazy." photo by Amelia Groetsch



• Clowning around

Senior Sara Harper explains the handful of magic beans to senior Kevin Walters in the twisted story of Jack and the Beanstalk. photo by Megan Stetson

• Beanie boy

• In his beanie and giant clown shoes, sophomore Eric Hansen applauds with the audience during "A Clown's Play." photo by Lisette Cabrera



On the last night performance, (senior) Aaron Atkinson took his pants and tucked them up like a diaper. I could barely stay on stage because I was laughing so hard.

Ayrel Clark, '01

The kids (at "A Clown's Play") were so excited and we fed off of that. My character had a smaller scripted role, but he got a lot of performance time in the audience with the children.

Rod Serbus, '99



(Preparing for the play) was a lot of hard work, but it paid off. The kids were cool, really got into it and helped out a lot. The adults probably weren't as excited, but they were fun, too.

Beka Haag, '02

Michelle- Thanks for being a great role model.
Good luck in college!

Peace out- Danny Norton

They get how many flowers?!

Arranging names of those who are to be given carnations, senior Adam Straw works on a part of his National Honor Society project. NHS sold carnations for Valentine's Day to raise money for the group. photo by Michelle Norton



Hi! My name is...

Calling parents in the community, senior Lindsay Hansen asks for contributions for the Dollars for Scholars scholarship program. Hansen phoned families for a project for NHS. The combined donations from the phone-a-thon and grants from businesses totaled over \$50,000. photo by Nicole Frank



Haulin' the muck

Carrying cans of chocolate pudding to the slip-n-slide area, juniors John Fiala and Kai Carlson do their part for Student Council's duty in Rock Around the Clock. Student Council helped run the games and kept time and the activities moving smoothly. photo by Amelia Groetsch



Hunting down the right stuff

Digging through his bag from the scavenger hunt, senior Nick Van Gundy tries to organize its contents while sophomore Brian Huff looks on at the Leadership Retreat. photo by Michelle Norton



Alti's unite!

Laughing over an error in a past issue of the *Black & White*, sophomore Julie Floresch and senior Jill McCleary take a break on a paste-up night. photo by Alyssa Ranney



Scale the shale

Climbing in the dirt at the Engeldinger Marsh, sophomores Aaron Haug and Ryan Seaberg explore the area during the S.E.A.A. field trip. Haug and Seaberg wanted to find a bit of wildlife while out at the marsh, but were unsuccessful due to their excessive noise. photo by Robert Shumaker



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No cold pricklies!

While exchanging warm fuzzies, freshmen Aaron Gray, Kurt Albertson and Aaron Creger give each other compliments at the Leadership Retreat in the fall. *photo by Michelle Norton*

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Dreaming of CNN and stuff

After crashing from a day of cropping and listening to speakers, seniors Nicole Frank and Michelle Norton sleep in a Washington, D.C. hotel at the fall journalism conference. *photo by Jen White*



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Ready, set, go!

Keeping time for Mock Trial defendants and lawyers, freshman Jason Stoeker helps out participants although he was not actually a part of Mock Trial itself. *photo by Melissa Miller*



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Marker-stained fingers

Coloring uncooked macaroni for a necklace, senior Rachel Bryant helps a child at Blank Children's Hospital for her NHS project. Bryant and her group spent two hours helping children in the playroom. *photo by Jennifer White*

Civil Suits

Mock Trial students worked on a lawsuit case and three out of four teams placed in state competition.



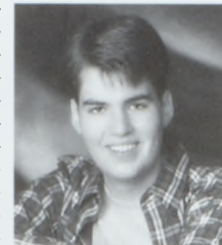
"I think that Mock Trial is a great group activity. You are able to learn a lot about important life skills, such as speaking in public, being able to think on your feet and working with other people."

- Alex Hsu, sophomore



"I was on the fourth team so I didn't think we would do well, but I was surprised how well my team pulled together. I didn't think we would make it to regionals, but we were able to make it to runoffs."

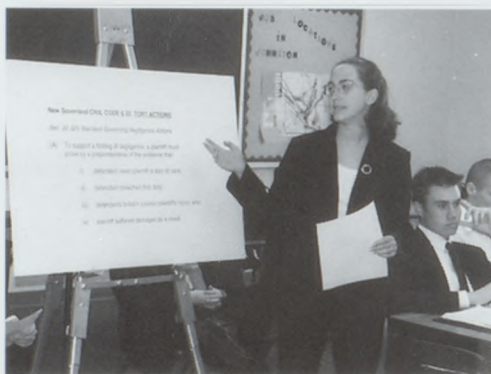
- Zarine Anklesaria, junior



"I've done Mock Trial since seventh grade. I started because pretty much everyone in ELP participates, but I stuck with it because it is a lot of fun and I've learned a lot. I've also met a lot of my friends in Mock Trial."

- Nigel Berndt, senior

"Mock Trial is a good way to learn about the court system in



Bottom left: Teammates Miles Kirkpatrick and Grant Mandsager, juniors, talk with their opponent, sophomore Chris Goode, during a break at dress rehearsal. *photo by Melissa Miller*

Top left: Speaking to a witness, senior Patrick Midtlyng practices his direct examination for the plaintiff. Midtlyng was in charge of directing the witness, Dr. Pat Dawes, and crossing Dr. Hunter Williams. *photo by M. Miller*

Top: Pointing to a visual, junior Betsy Sanders practices her opening argument for the plaintiff. Sanders said, "Preparing the opening statement was difficult because I had so much information to fit in a four-minute speech." *photo by Melissa Miller*

Top right: Sophomore Ann Miller and freshman Molly Haight keep time during practice. Time keepers were needed because there was a penalty for teams who exceeded time requirements. *photo by Melissa Miller*

Bottom right: Raising their right hands, junior J.D. Marvin, sophomore Heather King and junior Anne Peterman are sworn in before giving their testimonies during a practice. *photo by Amelia Groetsch*



Prep time

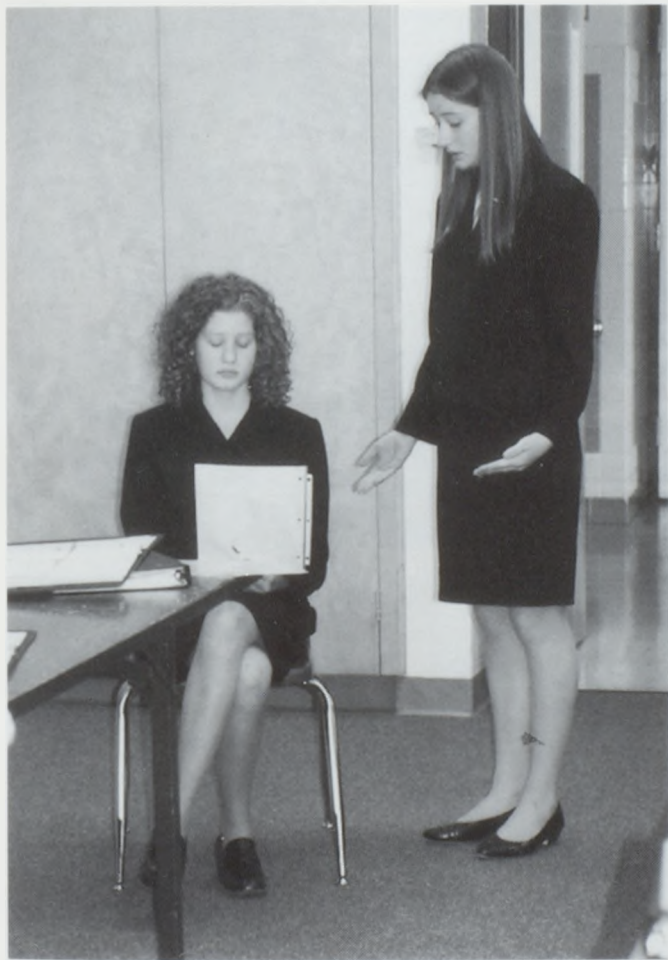
Sophomore Emily Scholten and freshmen Amy Heverly and Andrew Czaplak look over notes together before dress rehearsal. All three portrayed lawyers for the defense. photo by Melissa Miller



• Role playing

• Talking with a lawyer from the defense, senior Andy McGhay practices being cross-examined. McGhay was a witness for the plaintiff. He played the role of a city employee, Alex Foster, in a civil case about a boy named Sam Jones who died from contaminated water. Jones' family was suing the state for allowing the city's water to contain deadly parasites. McGhay's job was to testify about the negligence of the city and the water problem. Students were required to learn parts for both the plaintiff and defense sides. In competition, teams did not know which side of the case they would need to portray until the last minute, so students needed to be prepared. McGhay also portrayed the witness Tyler Johnson, a counselor for the defense. photo by Melissa Miller

case you would ever need to go to court one day.”



• Reading along

• Looking at a piece of evidence, freshman Whitney Armstrong practices being cross-examined by freshman Sarah Whitten. Armstrong played the mother of a boy who died from contaminated city water. Whitten said, “It was hard to get out all the points I wanted to present because I needed to be sensitive since she was a mourning mother.” photo by Melissa Miller

- Deanne Danielson, '01

Up-to-date

- Thirty-six students made up four teams.
- Students were required to practice some Sundays from 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. and before school at 7 a.m., except for Wednesdays. Teams also practiced on early dismissal days and on their own individual time.
- Regional competition was held at Drake University on March 16 and 18. State competition was also held there on March 26 and 27.
- The three teams that made it to state placed second, sixth and seventh.
- Anyone was able to participate in Mock Trial. The only requirements were to read the case and commit to practices.

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Addition to Tradition

National Honor Society members worked in the community for the 40th year with Ms. Sue Baker as the new sponsor.



"(Working on) carnations was fun because it brought together more than just one group. One group was assigned to it, but people from other groups came in to help out. It was kind of chaotic but fun."

- Rosemary Wilson, senior



"The projects that spawn from (NHS) are a beneficial experience to the students and surrounding community. There are humbling things that I learned from my service projects which will remain with me."

- Kevin Walters, senior



"I volunteer at Trinity Church Supper Club. It is for low income families. I took my group there to serve them a meal and play with the kids. It was a good experience for us to see them since we're so privileged here."

- Emily Slattery, senior

"I joined because people that I looked up to in the past were



Bottom left: Lying down, senior Morgan McChurch gives blood at a blood drive hosted by Student Council and National Honor Society that took place in the band room. *photo by Sarah Straw*

Top left: Tying order forms to carnations, senior Justin Grissom finishes the last few preparations for the flowers before delivering them to teachers. *photo by M. Norton*

Top: Giving her speech, senior Bridget Bond participates in the induction ceremony for juniors joining National Honor Society. Junior Andrea Glendenning, who was inducted that evening, said, "I came from a school where NHS was as important as any sporting event. It surprised me that the previous NHS members weren't there to support us as we were inducted." *photo by Matt Ring*

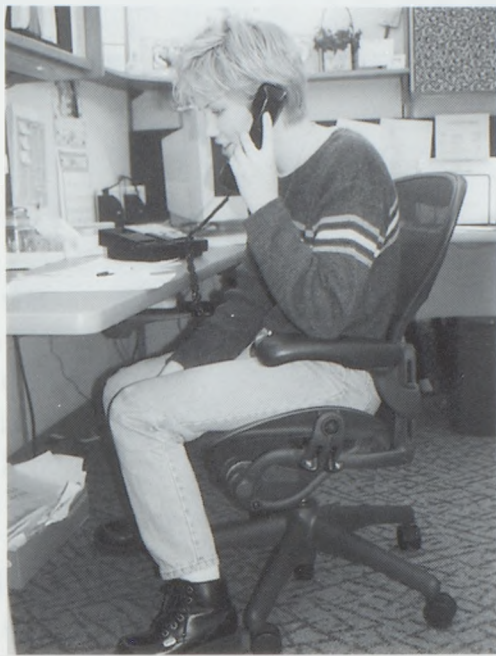
Top right: Senior Andrea Westover delivers flowers to students' first period classes. Around 1700 carnations were sold for Homecoming and Valentine's Day. *photo by Michelle Norton*

Bottom right: Senior Kirsten Frederick confers with Ms. Sue Baker during an executive board meeting. *photo by Michelle Norton*



Tallying totals

Senior Katie Weisz counts up how many carnations each member has sold. After selling for Valentine's Day, senior Matt Holub said, "It was nice because I saved a lot of guys who forgot to get their girlfriends something." photo by M. Norton



• **Accepting donations**
• Making a phone call, senior Casaundra Christensen attempts to raise more money at the Dollars for Scholars phone-a-thon. Members volunteered to work on one of the four nights. Christensen said, "It was good to realize how giving people in our community are, even when they're giving money to people they don't know." About 53 students volunteered to help with the phone-a-thon. Pioneer set up phones for Dollars for Scholars to use. Senior Nigel Berndt said, "The phone-a-thon went pretty well and we raised a lot of money to help the seniors. It's good that anybody who wants to go to college can get money from Dollars for Scholars. It gives a lot of people who wouldn't normally get the chance to get any money a chance to get a little bit." photo by Michelle Norton

in (NHS). It's a good tradition and something to be proud of."



• **Leadership preparations**
• At an executive board meeting, senior Angela Finestead takes notes on the easel over what is going to be discussed during the next meeting. "Being on executive board was fun. I liked knowing more about what was going on than the rest of the members. I liked knowing that it's a beneficial group for the society," said Finestead. photo by Michelle Norton

- Chris Ceretti, '99

Up-to-date

• Executive board members included seniors Kirsten Frederick as President, Jarod Carl as Vice President of Membership, Bridget Bond as Secretery, Angela Finestead as treasurer, Michelle Norton as Vice President of History and Nicole Frank as Vice President of Projects.
• Among the 65 members, there were seven groups for service projects.
• Members met on the first Thursday of each month for nine meetings throughout the year.
• During the year, members raised about \$300 after paying for carnations and other debts.

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Making a Mark

Through group discussion and prayer, students gathered to make impressions on each others' spiritual lives



"I thought it was really interesting when we got into groups and were asked to make confessions about what we would

like to change about ourselves. It was impressive to hear some people admit the things that they did."

- Kristen Kirkpatrick, freshman



"Once we split up into groups by grade levels. We talked about things that distract us from God. It kind of hit

me hard and made me realize how many ordinary, every day things distract me in a normal day."

- Ryan Johnson, sophomore

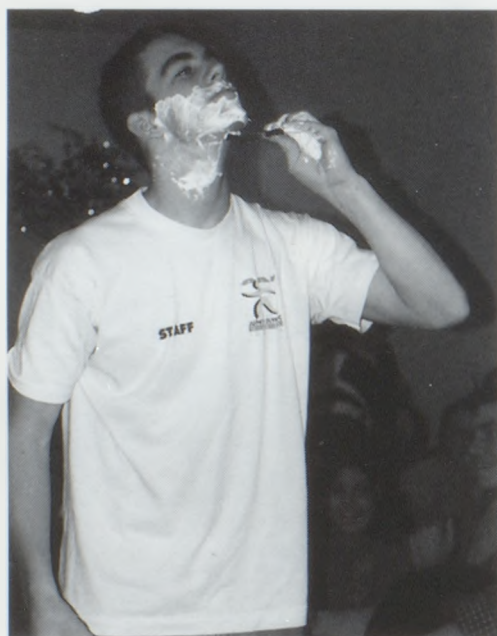


"My friends and I usually talk about the night's topic some more on the way home from the meetings. Then, we try to

help each other follow through the moral of the night during the next weeks of school."

- Hallie Durnavich, junior

"FCA is all about accountability - looking out for each other"



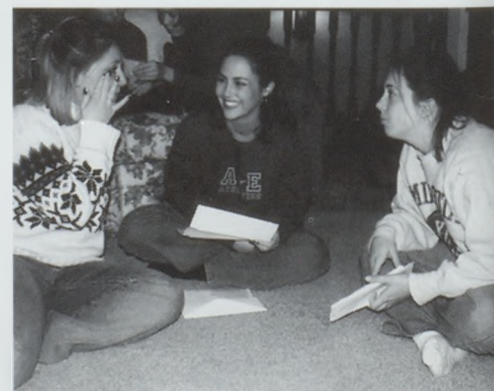
Bottom left: Taking part in the group discussion, junior Allison Bunce, senior Laura Lyons and junior Monica Inge ponder over their personal views. Members were split up into random small groups in order to discuss the night's theme in more depth as well as in a more comfortable situation. *photo by Marcus Iwig*

Top left: Cautiously avoiding any nicks or cuts, junior Jason Kohles shaves in order to entertain the group during an ice breaker. *photo by Nicole Frank*

Top: Showing their interest in the conversation, juniors Miles Kirkpatrick and Joel Johnson listen in on the group discussion. *photo by Nicole Frank*

Top right: Embracing each other, senior Amy Stewart and junior Libby Hietbrink participate in the traditional FCA swap of hugs. *photo by Nicole Frank*

Bottom right: Lending an ear to junior Emily Garrett, juniors Angela Jennings and Sarah Coleman socialize before the meeting gets started. All three girls were leaders. They, along with the other leaders, met every Sunday night in order to plan the agenda for the next meeting. *photo by Michelle Norton*



Out of the hat

Picking from a hat held by senior Pamela Thomas, sophomores Elizabeth Tometich and Molly Haight draw a name of a student that they will pray for during the week to come. photo by L. Cabrera



• Stuffing up

• Digging through the selection of food, junior Christine Ybarra and sophomore Laura Warren search for the perfect snack to fulfill their appetite. Counters full of munchies were supplied at each meeting in order to keep the members filled up for the two-hour sessions. "On top of the great snacks, I went to FCA because of all of the God-centered activities that were planned," said Warren. "I have so much fun at each meeting and I usually can't wait for the next one. My friends and I go there together in order to meet new people who share our Christian beliefs. I especially like the small group sessions because I get to meet new people and see their views on different topics. I like to challenge myself to apply what we learn at each meeting to my life." photo by Michelle Norton

and making sure we're following through our life with Christ."



• Tribute to friends

• Opening wide, senior Steve Good follows the gestures as the group is led in a new song called "The Brother Friend Song." This song taught about the qualities of true friends and how the closest friends are like brothers. Members made it a tradition to sing both new and old songs at each meeting in order to worship together. This took up a large portion of time during each session. photo by Michelle Norton

- Blaine Garrett, '02

Up-to-date

- An average of 130 shoes were found clogging the hallways of each FCA meeting.
- Meetings were held about once every two weeks if possible.
- Starbursts, Twizzlers and homemade cookies were some of the favorite treats found at each meeting.
- Most meetings lasted roughly two hours.
- Members attended an Iowa football game as an annual FCA activity.
- "I Hear Your Voice" and "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" were two of the main songs sung at each meeting.
- There were 25 leaders who planned, organized and advertised for the meetings.

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Helping Hands

Student council reached out to the less fortunate in many ways and kept the students busy with activities.



"For Christmas, we donated money to the less fortunate so they could receive gifts. That time of year is supposed to be

happy and we don't think about how fortunate we are to get what we want."

- Amanda Touch, sophomore



"For me, the most fun thing that happened was Rock Around the Clock. I helped out with the wheel-barrel races.

People from two different teams raced each other. It was really funny to see them go as fast as they could."

- John Aitchison, freshman

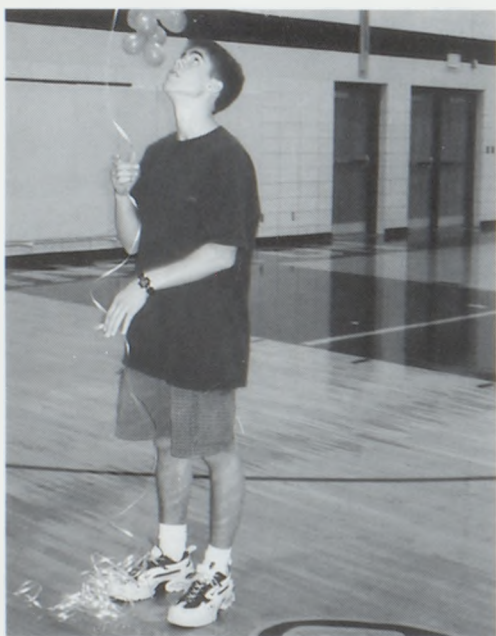


"Student council is neat because we try to better everything we can. We listen to the students requests and the

needs of our community. It is a good experience and it is for everyone who wants the best we can have."

- Rod Serbus, senior

"Student council is not too hard, but not as easy as people



Bottom left: Searching through the pile, freshman Lindsay Townsend looks for freshman Leslie Ogren's most compatible card, while sophomore Sarah Kiester helps. *photo by Tara McGowan*

Top left: Sophomore Jacob Bottoms ties a string to a balloon and releases it. "Setting up for the dance took a lot of time," said Bottoms. "Then people just tore the streamers down." *photo by Michelle Norton*

Top: Informing the Rock Around the Clock team Mumbaddumbass to take off for the adventure, junior Ashley Bengard explains the map of the course. *photo by Matthew Ring*

Top right: Standing behind the podium at the Homecoming coronation, vice-president Sarah Martin, senior, prepares for the next couple to walk in. *photo by Matt Ring*

Bottom right: While attending the Christmas party, junior Grant Patterson glances inside his gift. The members participated in "Secret Santas" for the holidays. They bought presents for their person, but kept it a secret who they had until the party. *photo by Tara McGowan*



Snack time

After turning on the vending machine, student body president Nate Butzen, senior, watches as sophomore Bolekwa Sifo pays for her treat, while junior Jason Kohles looks at his many choices. *photo by Tara McGowan*

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All decked out

After Mullica set up the picture back drop, sophomore Sarah Kiester checks to see if the balloons are secure. Members of student council were expected to help set up for the dance. "Setting up for Homecoming was a little frustrating because we were short of supplies," said sophomore Sarah Straw. "(Freshman) Lindsey Townsend and I went to my parent's Hallmark store to get some free supplies. We got balloons and streamers. Overall, it took us about three hours to decorate, but it was worth it in the end." While some enjoyed getting ready for the dance, junior Ben Flannery did not care too much for it. "I didn't like decorating for Homecoming because I have no artistic ability what-so-ever," said Flannery. "So I just stood there and looked good." *photo by Michelle Norton*

think. You have to work to make our school better."



Trick-or-treat

Holding several canned foods, freshman Lindsay Ruisch places a can of fruit in freshman Bekah Morris's bag. For Make a Difference Day, Student Council went around to several houses in Johnston. Student Council asked them to donate various foods to the Des Moines Religious Council Emergency Food Pantry. The members collected 245 canned goods. *photo by Tara McGowan*

- Carrie Minton, 02

Up-to-date

• Every Friday, Student Council, with the help of the lunchroom, took boxes of food to The Door of Good Faith food pantry.
• Members participated in a student council exchange with Valley High School to help get new ideas and views.
• During the winter holidays, they participated in "Adopt a Family." They donated \$200 to Project Share.
• On March 16, Student Council and National Honor Society hosted on a blood drive along with The Blood Center of Des Moines. They collected 47 pints of blood out of 54 students that came to donate. It's an estimation that one pint of blood saves up to four lives.

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Taking Initiative

During the 11th annual Leadership Retreat, SAIL members took more responsibility and learned to be leaders.



"The purpose of Leadership Retreat, in my mind, is to get to know the people in our school so that we can all

work together for the benefit of the school. In doing this we can also learn more about ourselves."

- Megan O'Banion, senior



"The difference in this year's Leadership Retreat as opposed to the previous years, is that it was more student organized. Each of

the students who put in the extra time and effort really deserve the credit for this year's retreat."

- Mrs. Michelle Vos, co-coordinator



"During the fish bowl activity with my small group I learned to voice my opinion, even if it gets me in trouble. I learned

that it's not right to do that at certain times because that could get me in big trouble sometimes."

- Tyler Adams, freshman

"I learned that all people, no matter what kind of front they



Bottom left: Searching for a live insect, sophomore Haley Wheeler tries to get another item for the scavenger hunt. Each group had a list of articles to find around camp. Each item had different point values and the group with the most points won. *photo by Michelle Norton*

Top left: During lunch sophomore Josh Schonhorst puts dressing on his salad. *photo by Michelle Norton*

Top: During an early morning meeting, senior Sara Madison takes notes on what song her group should play and what they should say at closing ceremonies. "Being on Captain's Crew meant that we had to organize the meetings and try to make sure everyone was there," said Madison. *photo by Michelle Norton*

Top right: Impersonating Mr. Jeff Hawkins, freshman John Aitchison performs during his small group's skit. *photo by Michelle Norton*

Bottom right: Sophomore Matt O'Hollearn and Mr. Tom Rea trade warm fuzzies. Before exchanging, SAIL leaders did a skit in Chase Lodge to show the importance of the warm fuzzies and also the different types of hugs one could give. *photo by Nicole Frank*



Group effort

Trying to walk as one, juniors Genevieve Ramsay, Joel Siedenburgh and Katie Keck and sophomores Cathy Partington and Emily Harper attempt to move the posts. *photo by Michelle Norton*



• Digging around

• Before leaving the school, senior SAIL leader Brad Schwarz searched senior Eric Scheuchl's bag for any items that would be inappropriate to bring to camp. During past years, people had brought alcohol and other items that were banned from school activities. To try and prevent this from happening again, SAIL members were responsible for looking through their small group's bags. "I don't think it was right for us to have to invade people's personal things because part of leadership is trust," said Schwartz. "But I understand why they feel the need to make these new policies because of previous problems." Another new rule was that any containers with twist tops had to be brought in the day before students left for camp. *photo by Michelle Norton*

put on, are capable of being extremely nice and caring."



• Balancing act

• Walking on the wire, junior Eric Fritz attempts to make it all the way across the obstacle in the woods during free time. "When we had free time I went back to my cabin or went on the trail to the army equipment and tried those drill things. I love to do those kinds of activities where I have to balance and use some coordination. They are fun," said Fritz. *photo by Michelle Norton*

- Jason Iwig, '00

Up-to-date

- Exactly 287 students spent \$60 to attend Leadership; 93 were SAIL members, 102 were second-timers and 92 were first-timers. Fourteen adults also came.
- Students took up 15 cabins, ranging from 14 to 48 kids in each one.
- About 600 minutes were spent in small groups.
- Dolph Pulliam and Diana Heard spoke about various topics from pride to stress.
- There were 148 stairs to Chapel Point.
- Five garbage bags of treats came up to camp, a half-a-bag came home.
- Three garbage bags of lost and found came back to the school.

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Organizations

A Fresh Group

Newspaper influenced students' opinions despite young staff members and several controversial articles and editorials.



"There are some disadvantages to being a freshman because I don't think we get as much respect as some of the other

people. But it's also more of a family thing so it's not like they give you a really hard time."

- Chris Verlengia, freshman



"Newspaper is worth it because it is the only way in high school that I can publish what I have to say and people will read it.

If people don't like what I have to say it's kind of fun because I'm published and they're not."

- Ayrel Clark, sophomore

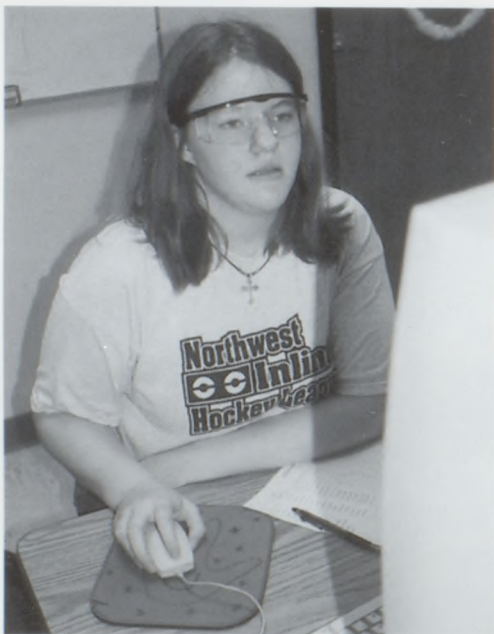


"I wrote the water fountain article (March issue). It aroused a lot of questions as to why this story made the paper.

The majority of people thought it was a waste of white paper because there wasn't foundation for it."

- Ted Christakos, junior

"When I see people reading my story, the hard work is worth



Bottom left: Looking over the March edition of the paper, editor Spencer Wise, junior, reads the front page story. *photo by Alyssa Ranney*

Top left: Working on her layout, freshman Katie Reis wears protective glasses to shield her eyes from hazardous computer light waves. "Layouts are hard because you have to come up with new ideas that (Ms. Leslie) Shipp hasn't seen yet," said Reis. *photo by Michelle Collignon*

Top: Thinking about the upcoming newspaper, editor Lena Rydberg, junior, and freshman Natalie Baltzley talk about story assignments. *photo by Michelle Collignon*

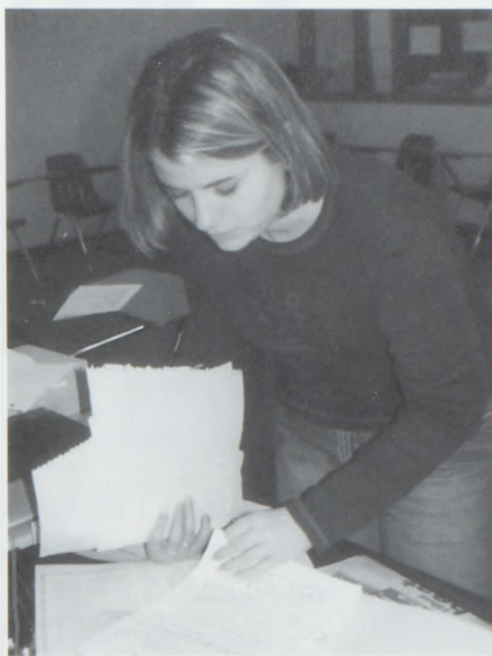
Top right: Trying to smooth out her paper, sophomore Girija Mahajan tapes her rough draft to the window with other people's pages. This was the first step in a long editing and revising process. *photo by Alyssa Ranney*

Bottom right: Checking out each other's work, sophomore Kristi Kielhorn and freshman Jason Van Gundy read stories. "I think the hardest part is talking to people and then interviewing them. But we don't always work; sometimes we have parties. We bring chips and pop and stuff," said Van Gundy. *photo by Alyssa Ranney*



A penny at a time

Counting the change, sophomores Megan Webster and Kristi Kramer double check to see that they have \$30 to turn in for the bag of suckers they sold. Newspaper sold suckers to raise money to buy a new computer for the lab. photo by Alyssa Ranney



Sorting through disorder

Looking in a stack of papers, editor Courtney Howard, junior, tries to find one of the many applications to be on newspaper staff received before winter break. "I think that for how new our staff was we've done really well. Especially with the addition of people at semester. The new people had to learn stuff, but they also brought fresh ideas and work ethics," said Howard. New members had some difficulties. "It was pretty traumatic going into a class with all these newspaper experts. We were pretty inexperienced," said junior Matt Skeens. Old staff members appreciated the extra help. "The new people at semester brought a lot of new knowledge about the computers and really helped our paper get better," said junior Jacob Reichling. photo by Alyssa Ranney

it because it feels like what I'm doing makes a difference."



Pretty in plaid

As she looks over her story for the fifth time, sophomore Julie Floresch concentrates hard to look for any last errors. "Stories are a ton of work because if you don't get your interviews done early the story may not be there or you may not have good enough quotes. You want to get things done early so you can avoid complications with your story," said Floresch. photo by Michelle Collignon

- Amber Howard, '02

Up-to-date

• Twenty-two people applied to be in newspaper second semester. Five of the seven people accepted were freshmen.
• Four 12-page newspapers were produced in a row. This was the first time more than one came out consecutively.
• There were no seniors on staff first semester and Jill McCleary was the only senior second semester.
• Junior Marcus Iwig was staff photographer.
• Newspaper received a gold medalist rating for the '97-'98 school year, their second time to earn this award. This is the highest honor given by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association in New York.

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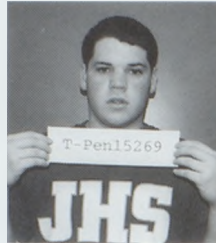
Chaos

In the midst of females, the men still pulled through for a chance to corrupt the staff once again.



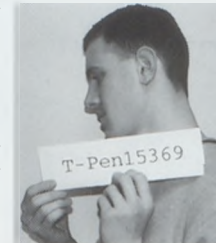
"My favorite thing about yearbook is harassing Ms. (Leslie) Shipp and the editors. I consider it my responsibility to make life miserable for them during class when they are trying to be authoritative."

- Brody Wells, senior



"I really hate all of the whiners in this class. They are all girls and it never ends. I get yelled at just as much as anyone, and at least I can admit that I'm worthless. I am a slacker, I'm a guy, I'm allowed."

- Ben Flannery, junior



"My official title was 'Layout Editor,' but I think 'Tech Support' would have been a little more appropriate. I was called upon for help with many parts of the computer and was rarely thanked for my invaluable services."

- Matt Ring, junior

"I love being the yearbook advisor because everyday there



Bottom left: Trying to finalize their pages for deadline, sophomore Sarah Sauber and junior Michelle Collignon check their names on the master index. *photo by Ben Flannery*

Top left: Focusing in on the action, sophomore Sarah Straw positions herself to get the best possible picture. "Getting quality pictures is difficult because you have to know when things are going to occur and when to take the photo," said Straw. *photo by Michelle Norton*

Top: Taking advantage of their authority, editors Michelle Norton and Jen White, seniors, lecture sophomore Jen Wiley about not finishing her page on time. "I don't start my page until the night of deadline, but I always get it done before it is too late," said Wiley. *photo by Ben*

Top right: Unwrapping her Christmas present, sophomore Tara McGowan reveals her new 'N SYNC calendar while juniors Melissa Miller and Megan Stetson look on. *photo by Michelle Norton*

Bottom right: Racing in the halls during deadline night, sophomore Matt McCrea pushes past junior Amelia Groetsch for the win. *photo by Matt Ring*



Actually working

Sophomore Lisette Cabrera types her story into the plays and drama page for rough deadline. Cabrera was seen a lot on the computers working away while the rest of the staff conversed about obscene things. *photo by Sarah Sauber*



• **Decision time**
• Working hard in order to finish first and get out of the journalism lab, sophomore Alyssa Ranney and senior Stephanie Strack lay out their pictures to choose and crop the best ones. "The picture taking part of yearbook is the easiest because it doesn't take much brain power," said Ranney. "There is no editing or revising, it is just point, focus and click." Ranney was one of nine new members on the staff and proved to have good work ethics once she got into the rhythm of how things worked in the lab. She impressed the others by starting her next pages before many finished their last deadlines. "It seemed as though every time I got going on my page, Alyssa was already a step ahead," said Strack. "Some of the new blood was very motivated to get done." *photo by Ben Flannery*

is a new adventure or situation to drive me up the wall."

- Leslie Shipp, advisor



• **The great outdoors**
• Toasting her hot dog over the campfire, senior Nicole Frank makes sure not to overcook her dinner. Frank, along with five others, went on a mid-summer campout at Jester Park. "It was a great bonding experience for those who were there because we shared some really deep thoughts and we made friends with a visiting park ranger," said Frank. *photo by Michelle Norton*

Up-to-date

- The 1997-98 yearbook was ranked 10th in the nation and fourth in the state.
- The girls outnumbered the guys 3.5 to 1.
- Editor Jennifer White, senior, cussed during class an average of 14 times a day.
- The staff brought in \$8970 from ad money to help pay for the production of the book.
- Fundraisers, like dances and selling suckers, helped pay for the new Macintosh™ G3, which was welcomed into the journalism lab, but quickly became an object of obsession.
- There were five deadlines during the year, consisting of at least three "late nights" per deadline, in which some decided to begin working on their pages.

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Dearest Brody.
Over the past year we have gone through our good and bad times... well mostly bad, seeing as how you hate my guts. But I still love you.
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your not so secret admtrr

Launch it to the center

Throwing in the ball, sophomore Heather Clarkson plays the right mid-fielder position in a junior varsity game. Clarkson played soccer for two years. *photo by Michelle Norton*



Courtside chillin'

Sitting on the sidelines, sophomore Nathan Gerger waits for the referee to call him back into a sophomore basketball game against Marshalltown. *photo by Michelle Norton*



Slam it to the right

Forcing the ball to the opposite side of the court, freshman Ramsey Midkiff plays a set of tennis against Ames. Midkiff was one of only two freshmen to start varsity, Kris Walters being the other. *photo by Tara McGowan*



New way to fly

Catapulting herself into the sand pit, freshman Kristin Foshe reaches the end of solid ground and the beginning of the pit during a girls' track meet. *photo by Michelle Norton*



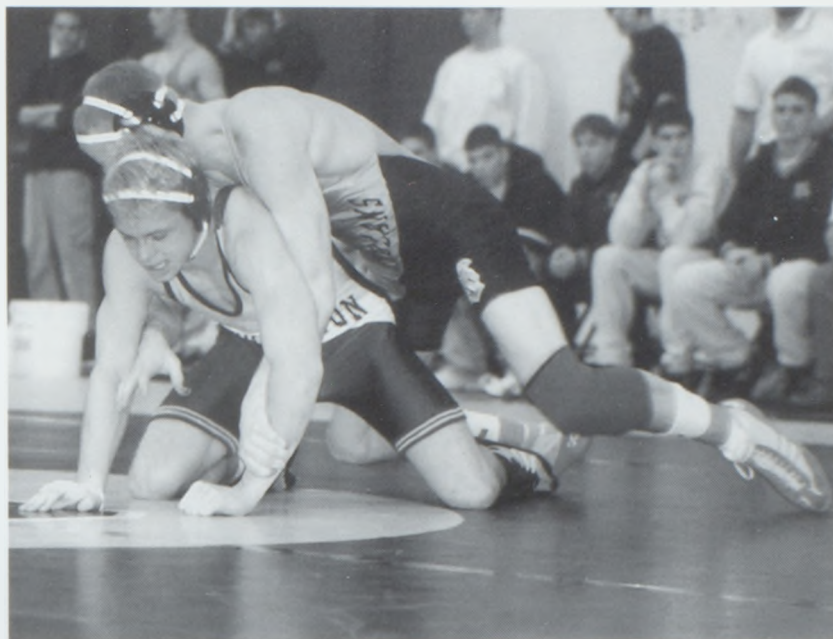
Putt, putt, putt

Following his swing, senior Matt Reber golfs a round at Beaver Creek Run. Reber golfed at the varsity level. *photo by Jennifer White*



Sunblock is a necessity

Tossing the softball back to the pitcher, junior Amie Bobst plays her junior varsity position of second-baseman. *photo by Michelle Norton*



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Twist, bend and pivot

Attempting to get out of a hold, senior Chris Williams fights against his Trojan opponent. Williams wrestled for varsity at 152 pounds and has wrestled since seventh grade. *photo by Michelle Norton*

SWEATING UP A STORM

Sports Division

SPREAD BY JENNIFER WHITE



.....
Mental preparation

Stripping down for her upcoming run, freshman Jessica Hainline gets ready for a cross country meet. *photo by Alyssa Ranney*



.....
Hurlin' it home

Pitching the baseball back to his partner, sophomore Shane Behanish warm-ups before a freshman game against the Hoover Huskies. *photo by Michelle Norton*



.....
Yell at the top of your lungs

Clapping and chanting, sophomore Natalie Hall displays her support for the wrestlers as a wrestling cheerleader. Wrestling cheerleaders only attended home meets. *photo by Michelle Norton*

OVERCOMING DEFEAT

Looking beyond their record, the varsity girls' soccer team managed to come out with positive experiences, improved skill and overall success

6-11

Varsity

Although the varsity team ended the season without a winning record, they felt it was a success. "We all tried our hardest and excelled in many ways, not necessarily by statistics, but by character and spirit," said senior Jill Emmerich.

Coach Dennis Georgen felt the success came with advancement in skills and teamwork among the players. "The girls applied what they learned from practices to grow as a team and individually," said Georgen. "We learned to put our losses behind us and focus on future

matches."

Talking after games helped junior Lisa Doudna realize what she and her team had to work on to improve. "The conversations we had at the following practices helped us focus on skills to do better in the future," said Doudna.

During the season, the team concentrated on refining their skills, communicating well and playing as a team. Junior Stacie Georgen said, "This was one of our best seasons because we learned to apply basic skills in our games and work better."

5-9-1

Junior Varsity

The team had a great start against Lincoln to expand on their skills for the season. "The Lincoln game was good," said sophomore Amber Gillotti. "It started the season showing us that we could play well together as a new team."

A big part of the season was working together. "We had never played together on the same team," said sophomore Elizabeth Andrews. "We had to learn how everyone played and communicate more than before."

7-4-2

Freshmen

Starting the season with two losses to Valley, the team had to apply themselves and work hard to attain their opponents' level of play. "During the season, we worked a lot on skills and pressing the ball up field," said Tara Thornton. "That helped us against other teams and in tying Valley the third time we played them."

Kristi Kramer added, "We communicated well and worked hard as a team because we didn't want to give up."



Surging forward. Hustling after the ball, junior Kate McNerney sprints by her Mason City defender to pass the ball to her teammates up field. "You have to know where the goal is and anticipate at all times," said McNerney. *photo by Michelle Norton*



Stride right. Stretching to the ball, sophomore Lisette Cabrera prepares to kick between two Ankeny players. "I love being a forward because I like to try to score," said Cabrera. "I would rather receive the ball than defend." *photo by Michelle Norton*



• Teeth-clenching intensity

- Warming up before a game, senior Kirsten Frederick prevents another ball from going into the goal. "In warm-ups my teammates would shoot balls at me, making me dive," said Frederick. "Warm-ups are essential to be at top performance. They loosen you up, you overcome any jitters and you get prepared mentally for the game." Frederick shared the goalie position with graduate Maria Brown for the varsity season. *photo by Michelle Norton*

Clearing the path

Concentrating on the ball, sophomore Sara Fisher tries to outrun her Ankeny opponent while sophomore Katie O'Donnell observes. "It helps to know that if you can't get the ball past the defender to push it up field or in the goal, then someone on your team will be behind you to help out," said Fisher. *photo by Michelle Norton*



• Popping veins

- Exerting every muscle in her body to move the ball toward the goal, sophomore Heather Clarkson attempts to get past her Mason City defender. "When I am being guarded closely I have to concentrate on the ball and me, not on the defender," said Clarkson. "If you have the skills and you are applying them, you can get around the defender." *photo by Michelle Norton*

Upshot

• D.M. Lincoln, 4-0

• Juniors Kate McNerney and Dawn Warner and seniors Laura and Jeny Lyons scored to help win the game.

• Sioux City North, 0-4

• S.E. Polk, 4-1

• Finishing the game with a score of 1-1, four players were chosen for a shoot-out. They were seniors Kendra Reames, Laura Lyons, Julie Heffling and sophomore Tarah Schultz.

• D.M. Roosevelt, 0-5

• Urbandale, 0-11

• Ames, 1-13

• Warner scored the first and only goal of the game.

• D.M. North, 8-1

• A storm chased the girls off the field into the old concession stand. They waited approximately 20 minutes for it to clear up.

• Valley, 2-14

• Warner and senior Jill Emmerich scored the two goals. They were the top two scorers for the season.

• Ankeny, 1-3

• Emmerich scored one goal and ended the season with the team high of seven goals.

• Mason City, 4-2

• Marshalltown, 3-4

• Newton, 2-1

• "Newton is very fast and they play well, but we stopped them and we looked like winners," said coach Georger.

• Urbandale Invite,

Dowling, 0-9, Hoover, 3-5

• CIML Conference,

Newton, 1-0,

Marshalltown, 2-3

• Regionals, Hoover, 2-5

• Graduate Melissa Mattern ended the season with two goals and two assists.

• Graduate Brown and senior Kirsten Frederick were captains.

• The 15 players on varsity lettered including senior Christina DeHamer, and sophomores Tara Thornton and Rachelle Cervetti. They had perfect attendance all season and appeared in at least one varsity game.

• Two freshmen played on varsity, Schultz and Girja Mahajan.

• The varsity team consisted of four senior graduates: Brown, Marcia and Melissa Mattern and Margo McCravy.

• The coaching staff included Dennis Georger, Mohamed Abusharkh and Matt Todd.

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ABOVE AND BEYOND

The softball team was successful with a 30-win season and the Little Hawkeye Conference championship title, yet finished the season unsatisfied

30-10

Varsity

At the beginning of the season no one knew if the varsity softball team would be as competitive as past years. They proved people wrong by winning eight of their first ten games.

"We lost some key players and people thought that we wouldn't be as good as we were. The beginning part of the season was awesome because we kept winning and beating everyone else's expectations," said junior Shelley Jones.

Even though the team was winning, they felt the effects of

outside pressure. "We had a lot of conflicts between our coach and parents trying to coach from the side. That kind of put a damper on the season, it hurt us in a sense that we struggled amongst each other," said senior Jeny Lyons.

Despite the tension, the team finished as repeat conference champions. They played Indianola in the first round of districts. The loss was disappointing. "It was hard knowing that they were not as good of a team as we were," said graduate Kate Vocolka.

13-7

Junior Varsity

Being versatile helped the junior varsity team gain an advantage. "We were interchangeable so if someone got hurt or was having a down game, we could put someone else in," said junior Libby Hietbrink.

Many players used JV as a learning experience. "I dressed varsity but I got most of my experience from playing JV," said junior Anne Waller.

The team ended the season strong by winning three of their last four games.

24-7

Freshmen

The freshmen team had the highest winning percentage of all softball teams. Much of their success was attributed to their skill level.

"What made it so much fun this season was playing on a team with so much talent," said Kristin Way.

Working with a high quality of players had a lot of advantages, including the ability to never give up. Maggie Tews said, "We had a lot of comebacks. That shows how strong we were."



Around the horn. Junior Nikki Thies throws the ball around after making an out during a JV game. "Playing first base was a different experience for me. They put me there to get a different feel for the field," said Thies. *photo by Michelle Norton*



Zeroing in. Tracking the ball into her glove, sophomore Chaundra Smith warms up sophomore Sarah Kiester in the bullpen. "I loved to catch for Kiester. She had so many different pitches and good control," said Smith. *photo by Michelle Norton*



• **Throw the heat**

Despite the tornado damage done to the field and the light pole, graduate Kelli Brown continues to pitch strikes. "I felt we were more of a team this year than we ever had been before," said Brown. "Whenever I walked onto the field I always knew I had a strong defense behind me that would support me. Offensively, we really came together to work ourselves out of bad situations." Brown finished the season with six no-hitters and 245 strikeouts. *photo by Michelle Norton*

Taking a cut

Before a game against Boone, junior Angela Jennings tosses a tennis ball to junior Melissa Ward. Getting practice swings prior to games enabled players to perfect their technique. "Soft toss helped me focus on the ball because the tennis balls are smaller than regular balls. I got in a slump in the middle of the season and coming in for extra soft toss helped me out," said Ward. *photo by Michelle Norton*



• **Bat on ball**

Trying to get the ball into fair territory, junior Monica Inge squares up to bunt. "I tried to adjust to each pitcher by changing my swing," said Inge. "This way I didn't have to move around in the batter's box." Inge caught for many of the junior varsity games and also earned a varsity letter. *photo by Michelle Norton*



• **Getting it in**

Warming up before a junior varsity game, junior Emily Jamison throws the ball to the infield. Jamison said, "Coaches (Krista) Sakett and (Gary) Snyder would hit fly balls to us in the outfield. It helped us by getting used to the ball in the air and also warming up our arms." *photo by Michelle Norton*

Upshot ::

- Dowling, Rained out
- Perry, 2-1
- Eldora N.P., 3-1
- North Polk, 4-1
- Lincoln, 0-9
- Winterset, 12-0
- Grinnell, 4-3
- Roosevelt, 2-1
- Valley, 2-1
- Pella, 3-4
- S.E. Polk, 1-0
- Waukee, 1-2
- Boone, 5-0
- D.C. Grimes, 12-2
- Norwalk, 4-2
- S.E. Polk, 1-0
- Roosevelt, 3-2
- Dowling, 1-2
- Oskaloosa, 7-2
- Pella Christian, 3-0
- Pella, 4-0
- Urbandale, 4-7
- Winterset, 3-0
- Humboldt, 3-0
- Atlantic, 1-0
- Boone, 2-1
- Grinnell, 0-1
- Norwalk, 8-1
- Knoxville, 4-3
- Knoxville, 1-0
- Pella Christian, 6-5
- Pleasantville, 2-1
- Indianola, 4-5
- C.A.M., 12-6
- Pella, 1-2
- Saydel, 2-1
- A.D.M., 3-1
- Woodward, 2-3
- North, 5-3
- North, 4-0
- Boone Invite, first
- Districts,
- Indianola, 5-9
- All-Conference,

• Graduates Kelli Brown and Heidi Kiestler, seniors Lacey Corcoran and Jery Lyons and junior Angela Jennings made first team.
 • Graduates Kelly Clarkson and Kate Volcelka and senior Rachel Bryant made second team.
 • Juniors Shelley Jones and Melissa Ward received honorable mention.

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UNITING EFFORTS

The varsity Baseball team pulled together to become conference champions and return to the state tournament despite some problems with the field



26-16

Varsity

Through hard work and determination, the team had a winning season. "At first, we were a struggling team. We realized to win games, we needed to work hard in practice and it paid off," said senior Chris Dickey.

Getting the fields ready for the district and sub-state games was one worry that the team had. "The tornado was a big concern, there was a lot of clean up work to be done and it was a relief when we finally finished," said coach Jim Mahoney.

Sophomores 16-13

The sophomores had a slow start. They overcame it with hard work, ending with improvement. "We lost six games in a row, then started winning," said Zac Bronson. "Coach (Craig) Kruger realized who really wanted to play and win."

The team had a strong relationship because they were all friends. "The team was close. Coach was hard on us sometimes, but that's what made us better," said Brenden Huewe.



Wrong way. Getting caught between bases, junior Joel Jacobs attempts to return to second base after realizing his steal to third is not going to work. Despite the out by Jacobs, the team beat Ames. photo by Michelle Norton

10-12

Junior Varsity

The junior varsity team had a season of improvement. "In our last doubleheader against Dowling we really stepped up and played as a team. Even though we lost, there was still a lot of teamwork," said senior Nick Wylie.

According to coach Jerry Stratton, the purpose of JV was to give juniors more of a chance to play and improve before varsity. "I have worked with a lot of these guys for about two years and I have seen a lot of improvement in those two years," said Stratton.

11-13

Freshmen

With a few struggles and a couple lost games, the freshman team was able to realize what was needed to reach higher goals. "After losing the Dowling game, we realized the importance of playing as a team," said Aaron Meyer. The individual players all had the skills they needed but had to learn how to combine them together. "Our team had a lot of potential. We just needed to figure out how to put it together," said Mark Lorino.



Speed ball. Trying to make an out, sophomore David Schnotala throws the ball home. Schnotala said, "Hoover was my most memorable game. I made the run to tie up the game and then we ended in a victory." photo by Michelle Norton

Upshot ::

• Reach for the sky

- Striving to catch the ball, senior Kyle Campbell warms up the infield before a Norwalk game.
- Campbell said, "I try to go out every game and play the very best that I can from the first pitch to the last pitch." Campbell was a catcher for junior varsity. *photo by Michelle Norton*

Winding up

Graduate Nick Parenza pitches against Pella. Parenza made First Team All-Conference along with first baseman graduate Adam Nieting. "I thought Nick was a major contributor to the team and he always knew how to lighten things up," said senior Tim Walker. *photo by Michelle Norton*



• Quick as a wink

- Senior Dan Armstrong sprints to third in the junior varsity game against Norwalk. "That was one of my most memorable games this season because I hit two homeruns, one being a grand slam," said Armstrong. He covered a lot of ground in center field and was a relief pitcher. *photo by Michelle Norton*

• Making the run

- Crossing the plate, graduate Brent Whipps scores a run in the substate game against Ankeny. They won 6-1, advancing the team to state.
- "Brent was a great team player. I feel he was one of the major foundations of the team," said senior Chris Dickey. Whipps made First Team All-Conference as the utility player. He is currently playing baseball for the University of Northern Iowa. *photo by Michelle Norton*

- North, 13-4
- D.C. Grimes, 9-3
- Iowa City High, 5-4
- Harlan, 5-10
- Dowling, 3-13
- Valley, 3-9
- Hoover, 8-6
- Saydel, 7-5
- Ankeny, 0-6
- Winterset, 4-2
- Grinnell, 12-8
- Hoover, 3-2
- Boone, 7-0
- Knoxville, 0-2
- Knoxville, 2-3
- Indianola, 6-9
- Hoover, 8-13
- Pella Christian, 3-2
- Pella Christian, 11-1
- Norwalk, 3-4
- Pella, 5-6
- S.C. East, 12-6
- Winterset, 10-5
- Atlantic, 7-5
- Roosevelt, 3-13
- D.C. Grimes, 0-3
- Boone, 8-6
- Saydel, 5-2
- Pella Christian, 7-10
- East, 5-0
- Norwalk, 17-0
- Knoxville, 7-0
- Urbandale, 11-10
- Urbandale, 3-7
- Pella Christian, 8-6
- Pella, 10-3
- Pella, 8-7
- Hoover, 7-8
- Grinnell, 4-3
- Districts, Ames, 9-6
- Sub-state, Ankeny, 6-1
- Sub-state, Lincoln, 0-11

• It was the first time in 20 years that district and sub-state games were held at home.

All-Conference Team

- Infielder graduate Shawn Heuss made Second Team All-Conference in the Little Hawkeye Conference.
- Graduates Jason Timmons and Brad Sewell, both outfielders, received honorable mention.

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IN THE DEEP END

Striving to rebuild their status and unify themselves as a whole, the girls' swim team was encouraged to replace the strengths of last year's graduates

Diving

Having no coach proved to be a struggle for the girls' diving team. However, the situation also had its benefits. Junior Jessi Reece said, "It's much more difficult because you have to be one hundred percent more disciplined. With no coach we are forced to push ourselves."

Not being able to find a coach of their own, the Urbandale/Johnston team received help from Dowling's diving coach, John Fitzpatrick. "I really like Dowling's coach but the divers from Dowling are a distraction (when they come to our pool)," said Reece. "They take time away from us."

Reece was the only diver from Johnston to participate on the team of two. "Even though we had a small team, our season went well," said Reece. "(Sophomore) Jamie Lee and I are a combined team. We work together to achieve our goals. It has paid off. We are always very close in placement."



Defying gravity. Performing a backwards somersault during practice, junior Jessi Reece spots where she will end up in the water. Reece has been on the diving team for three years. *photo by Ben Flannery*

Swimming

Recovering from the loss of last season's senior dominant team, the swimmers strived to achieve the same success of the previous year. To make up for the loss, the team changed their practicing strategies. "We were rebuilding by working individually on everyone's strong points," said junior Nicole Weirich.

The freshmen girls worked with the upperclassmen to reach goals and get acquainted with each other. "(Swimming) is hard for freshmen," said freshman Holly Heckman. "We're not used to working as hard and we're more apt to quit."

Underclassmen were needed to fill some of the spots on the varsity roster. "The fact that we graduated twelve people last year had a huge impact on this season," said coach Shari Walling. "The team was very young and because of that, every meet got better and better. Most swimmers now know what it will take in August '99."



We got spirit. "My name is Sarah and you know what I got," chants sophomore Sarah Straw as she recites a cheer to pump up the crowd. The team made up many new chants to build spirit. *photo by Jen Wiley*



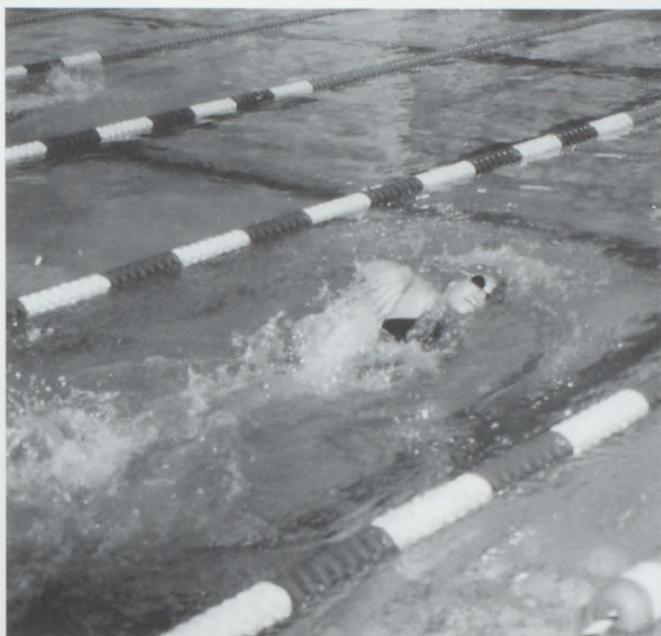


• **Take your mark**

- Anticipating the relay exchange, freshman Katie Petersen calculates the finish of Urbandale's freshman Allison Heid. "You start to get a little edgy when you work with the same people every day for three months," Petersen said about her teammates. Working with the others paid off in the end for Petersen; she dropped a total of 13 seconds over the season in the individual medley. Petersen also placed third at the district meet in the 200 individual medley and fifth in the 100 butterfly. *photo by Ben Flannery*

Deep breath

Taking her last few strokes, senior Tyelene Cervetti finishes up her last lap of the 100 yard freestyle. Cervetti was one of the two seniors on the team, both from Johnston. "Even though I wasn't a captain, I still felt I was partly the role model for underclassmen," Cervetti said. *photo by Ben Flannery*



• **Check it out**

- Removing her goggles to look at her time, sophomore Lindsey Kroeger finishes the 50 yard freestyle. "I usually am pretty strong the first 25 (yards) then after my turn I have a little downfall but at the end I pick it up and it's all good," said Kroeger. *photo by Alyssa Ranney*

• **Perfect your stroke**

- As she nears the edge of the pool, junior Chelsea Hughes practices the backstroke. "Practices seemed more challenging this year than in the past. We had to work harder to keep the team on task," said Hughes. *photo by Ben Flannery*

Upshot ::

• **Fort Dodge, 115-70**

• Freshman Katie Petersen won the 200 freestyle with the time of 2:14.71 and the 500 freestyle with the time of 6:04.92.

• **Valley WDM, 56-130**

• **Ames Invite, fifth**

• **Marshalltown, 64-122**

• **Tiger Tank Relay, 13th**

• Sophomore Lindsey Kroeger won the 50 freestyle with a time of 27.73.

• The team of junior Chelsea Hughes, freshmen Holly Heckman, Petersen and sophomore Sarah Straw won the 400 freestyle relay with the time of 4:07.60.

• Junior Amy Young finished second in the 200 freestyle with the time of 2:12.24.

• **Ankeny, 60-110**

• **Newton, 76-110**

• The team of junior Nicole Weirich, sophomore Kim Holt, freshman Chelsey Lehman and Urbandale freshman Molly Parks won the 200 freestyle relay with the time of 2:28.25.

• **Ames, 66-114**

• The team of Kroeger, Petersen, Straw and Heckman received the best 400 freestyle relay time of the season, 4:02.29.

• The team of senior Tyelene Cervetti, freshman Laura Stradley, Hughes and Urbandale freshman Jamie Lee finished third in the 200 freestyle relay with the time of 1:55.87.

• Cervetti finished second in the 200 freestyle with the time of 2:28.36.

• **Urbandale Invite, fifth**

• **Mason City, 74-111**

• Straw won the 200 freestyle with the time of 2:12.21.

• **Dowling/Ottumwa,**

Dowling 27-75, Ottumwa 59-43

• Heckman won the 50 freestyle.

• Straw won the 100 fly.

• Petersen won the 200 Individual Medley.

• Kroeger won the 100 breaststroke.

• **Conference, sixth**

• **Districts, fourth**

• There were 33 lifetime bests made at the district meet out of 39 races.

• 30 girls participated this season, 19 were from Johnston.

• Both of the top freestyle relays were made up of exclusively Johnston swimmers.

• The team ranked 23rd in power rankings when they finished the season.

• Straw was voted hardest worker.

• Petersen was voted most inspirational.

• Kroeger was voted most valuable.

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YOUNG BLOOD

With the help of two freshmen, the Boys' Golf team was able to win four dual meets and end their first season in the CIML with a winning record

Varsity

Having three seniors, one junior and two freshmen fill up the six varsity spots on the boys' golf team created a diverse, yet very close knit team.

After winning the respect of their older teammates, the freshmen still had to watch what they said. "(Freshman) Adam Frank has a really big mouth," said junior Miles Kirkpatrick. "One day while we were all playing together at Jester I had to jump him. I didn't need to put up with that from a freshman."

Despite the age difference, the boys were able to bond. "We had a lot of fun together," said freshman Zac Nelsen. "A lot of times before a meet we would get together and just hang out. Most times we would grill steaks and watch football or eat pizza and watch movies."

This comradery between the golfers was important. "The golf team is a good excuse to get out on some beautiful courses and have fun with my friends," said senior Justin Grissom.



Thinking hard. During the district meet, junior Miles Kirkpatrick studies the green before putting. "I always take about five or ten minutes before a meet to sit by myself and think about what I need to do," said Kirkpatrick. *photo by Brody Wells*

Junior Varsity

Working hard but having fun, the junior varsity golf team managed to have an enjoyable and successful season.

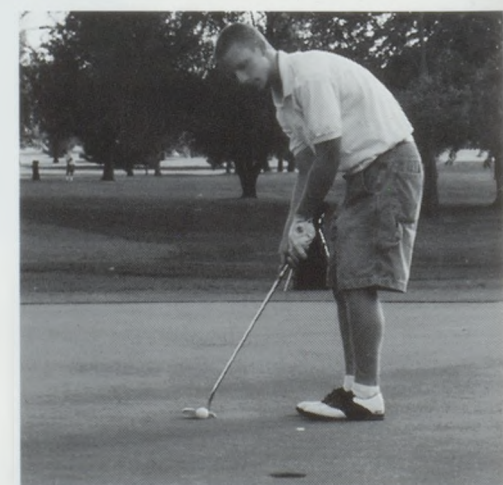
"My favorite thing about golf was that the practices were easy and all the guys on the team always had good times hanging out together," said sophomore Brian Huff.

Like the varsity team, the JV team was very diverse. The team was composed of golfers from all grades. Senior John Parenza played on JV throughout the season. "One day (junior) Jeff Robertson and I were playing with some kid from Valley who was bragging about being fourth in the nation and we bet him all the money we had on us that we would beat him. We totally kicked his butt," said Parenza.

Despite competing in numerous meets, the JV team felt little pressure. "The competition at the JV level isn't very intense," said sophomore Jon Lewton. "We always worked hard but we still had a lot of fun."



Cleaning up. Before teeing off at Jester Park, senior Matt Kroeger washes his clubs. "My favorite thing about golf is that it's fun and relaxing. I really don't do much to prepare for a meet, I just show up," said Kroeger. *photo by Brody Wells*





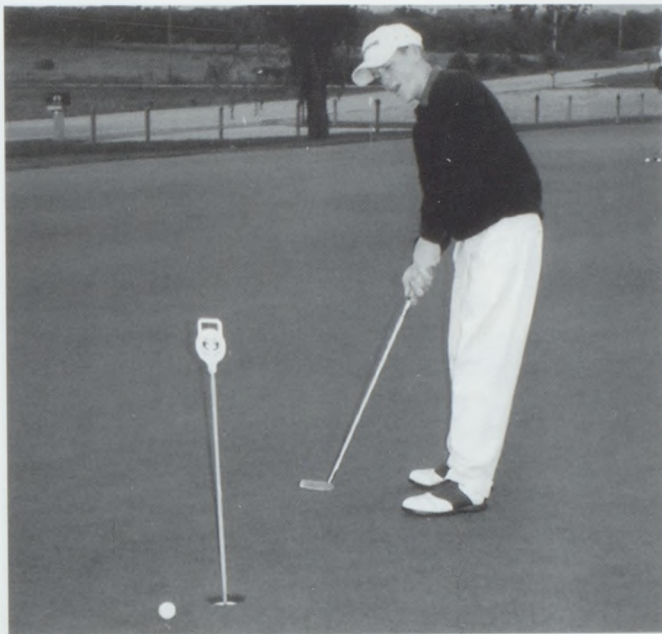
• **Admiring his shot**

- Holding his backswing, senior Adam Straw watches his ball head for the flag during a meet at Jester.
- "My favorite thing about golf is the relationships I make with the people from other teams and especially with my own teammates," said Straw. When asked, the team unanimously agreed that Straw had the longest drive. Teammates also named Straw the team leader. *photo by Brody Wells*

Just practice

Freshman Adam Frank warms up before a meet. "My best memory of the season was when I shot a 72 at the first meet and won the respect of my teammates," said Frank. Despite this achievement, Frank still had to put up with some teasing. "One time when we were warming up for a meet, (senior) Matt Reber took a dime from his pocket and stuck it to my forehead. He said that if it didn't stay on while I was teeing off he would throw me in the water trap," said Frank. *photo by Matt Ring*

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• **Nice clubs**

- During the district meet at Beaver Run, freshman Zac Nelsen watches as his putt heads for the hole.
- Nelsen was one of the two freshmen on the varsity team. "It helped a lot having another freshman on the varsity team with me, but there was still a lot of pressure on me to do well."
- Nelsen's teammates said he owned the best set of clubs. He received his very first set of clubs for his eighth birthday, but bought the ones he is currently using himself.
- *photo by Brody Wells*

• **Lining up**

- Junior Jeff Robertson thinks hard before dropping his ball into the hole at the Newton meet. "This was my first year on the golf team," said Robertson. "I couldn't play football due to my knee surgery, so I decided to play golf instead."
- Robertson enjoyed being on the golf team because it gave him the opportunity to meet new people and play golf for free. *photo by Brody Wells*

Upshot ::

- **Catbird Invite**, third
- **CIML**, fifth
- **Fort Dodge**, 155-156

• Junior Miles Kirkpatrick led the team with a score of 80.

- **Mason City**, 151-148

• Freshman Zac Nelsen was a medalist runner up. He scored a 36.

- **Newton**, 162-169
- **Urbandale**, 155-156
- **Ankeny**, 149-140

• Ankeny later won the state title.

- **Boone**, 153-165
- **Ames**, 168-155
- **Ames Invite**, second

• The team bus, driven by coach Frank Sanders, got lost on the way home from the meet.

- **Valley**, 156-161
- **Boone/Marshalltown**, JHS, 160
BHS, 183
MHS, 116

- **CIML-Conference**, eighth

• This meet was held at Fort Dodge Golf and Country Club, Nelsen's favorite course. Nelsen shot an 89.

- **Districts**, sixth

• Kirkpatrick, 77

• Senior Justin Grissom, 79

• Nelsen, 80

• Senior Adam Straw, 82

• Freshman Adam Frank, 87

• Senior Matt Reber, 88

- Team captains were Straw and Reber.

- Kirkpatrick led the team with top scores in eight meets.

- The shirts created by Reber caused a stir in the athletic department after the team wore them at the fall pep assembly.

- Frank and Nelsen were the two freshmen letter winners. Other letter winners were Kirkpatrick, Grissom, Straw, seniors Matt Kroeger and John Parenza and sophomore Jon Lewton.

- The most improved golfer was Grissom.

- Individually, the number one honors went to Kirkpatrick. His all-metro conference honors made him seventh in conference scoring.

- The boys jokingly referred to Sanders as WWF wrestler, Stone Cold Steve Austin's brother.

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Upshot

- **Urbandale Invite,**
Freshmen: fourth
Sophomores: fifth
Juniors: no place
Seniors: first
- **Winterset Invite,**
Freshmen: second
Sophomores: third
Juniors: no place
Seniors: first
- Senior Rita Fiala broke the school record by three seconds with her time of 11:30.
- **Johnston Invite,** first
- **Ballard Invite,** first
- **Newton Invite,** fourth
- **Nevada Invite,** first
- **Perry Invite,** first
- **Norwalk Invite,** second
- **CIML Conference,** sixth
- Fiala placed second overall with a time of 11:51.
- **Districts,** third
- 67 runners from nine different schools competed in the Districts meet in Ames.
- **State, 12th**
- 140 runners competed in state at the Lakeside Golf Course in Kennedy Park, north of Fort Dodge.
- Fiala placed ninth overall with a time of 5:58.
- Senior Randi Goodrich placed 65th overall with a time of 6:22.
- Senior Cindy Loffler placed 72nd overall with a time of 6:26.
- Sophomore Kristen Way placed 81st overall with a time of 6:29.
- Freshman Fellsa Hansen placed 94th overall with a time of 6:33.
- Sophomore Victoria Brenton placed 126th overall with a time of 6:54.
- Sophomore Megan Webster placed 134th overall with a time of 7:01.
- Fiala placed first at all the regular season meets.
- Each person ran two miles at every meet except the state meet where they ran one.
- Practices consisted of running three miles daily and running hills at Camp Dodge weekly.
- Junior Jacque Timmons wore her lucky yellow underwear at every meet, because she received her best time when she was wearing them.

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Maintain the advantage

Lunging forward, sophomore Victoria Brenton works to keep her place at the conference meet in Fort Dodge. "I'm always thinking I can get one more girl. Running is all in your head. You have to think positive, forget all those practices and just run," said Brenton.

photo by Matt Ring



Unexpected company

Distancing herself from her competitors, sophomore Kristin Way runs hard. "At districts we had to go all out. It was a tough course, but it was worth it because we made it to state," said Way. She ran the two miles in 13 minutes and 11 seconds, which helped the team place third in districts.

photo by Alyssa Ranney

Leading the pack

Senior Rita Fiala keeps up her pace against Urbandale sophomore Michelle Sokol at districts in Ames. "I think about all sorts of different things while I'm running. Sometimes about what other runners are thinking or I get a song in my head or about the finish line. Usually just about the race in general," said Fiala. She also said she wears the same shoelaces in her spikes that she has always worn and she eats spaghetti the night before a meet because it's her tradition.

photo by Al Ranney



Pain for glory

Stumbling across the finish line, junior Jacque Timmons ends her race at the conference meet in Fort Dodge. "I hated conference because I was really tired and sick. In the middle of the race, my legs collapsed because I had no energy left. After the race, I put on my warm-ups and headed to the bus where I slept for two hours," said Timmons.

photo by Matt Ring



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NEW FRONTIERS

For the first time in school history, the varsity girls' cross country runners pulled together to make state as a whole team



Varsity

To obtain better results, the varsity team used routine practices while focusing more. "We did the same type of workouts that we've done in the past," said coach Craig Oldham. "The big difference was that mentally they were a lot tougher. They knew when to give more."

The girls worked to prepare themselves every time they ran. "On the bus rides I try to calm down if I'm really hyper," said freshman Felisa Hansen. "It's as important to be prepared mentally as physically."

Encouragement from fans made a difference as well. "It makes you feel like you want to move faster when you know there are people cheering for you," said senior Rita Fiala.

The biggest thing that made the team good enough to make state were strong seniors. "The season was outstanding because we had three seniors on varsity who were great leaders," said sophomore Victoria Brenton. "They helped lead us to state."

Junior Varsity

The junior varsity team won six out of eight meets, more than ever before. Still, success was not without hard work. "Ballard-Huxley was tough because there were long, gradual hills and they really take energy out of you," said sophomore Anna Johnson.

Inner team support was another thing that helped them do well. "When you're running and you go by another teammate and they say, 'Hey, good job,' it really lifts your spirits and makes you run faster," said freshman Candice Six.

Support from other people also helped. "When people are cheering for you, it keeps your mind off the race for a couple minutes and then you push yourself a little bit further," said senior Sarah Martin.

Senior Amy Stewart felt encouragement and a relaxed atmosphere made meets fun and successful. Stewart said, "The season was great because we had fun and built close relationships that last outside of the season."



Fired up. Sophomore Megan Webster, freshman Felisa Hansen and seniors Randi Goodrich and Cindy Löffler do a cheer at the state meet. "It goes, 'Rah! Rah! Shish kum bam! We ain't as slow as you think we am!'," said Webster. photo by Al Ranney



Side by side. Sticking together, juniors Emily Garrett and Kelly Andersen run in the conference meet. "I was feeling pretty sick," said Garrett. "It helps to run with a teammate because it gives me encouragement to keep going." photo by Matt Ring

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STRIVING FOR DISTINCTION

Although the boys' cross-country team did not repeat making state, they distinguished themselves as an outstanding team on and off the course

The number one goal for the varsity cross-country team this year was to repeat making their appearance at state. "I think we had all hoped on going to state, but we had difficult competition in districts and that made (making it to state) very hard to accomplish," said sophomore Curtis Brown, who ran varsity and junior varsity.

Apart from missing their goal of making state, the cross-country team wanted to "be consistent and come out on the top," said junior John Fiala.

While the team worked hard, they also had fun. Before the season started, the guys packed up and headed out to spend three days and two nights on a canoe trip. Junior Matt Skeens said, "Coach (Dave) Beason jumped into an icy spring in the lake and then realizing how cold it was, jumped out screaming."

"It's a lot of hard work, but overall a lot of fun," said junior Kai Carlson. "It involves a lot of hard work and commitment."

Like varsity, the junior varsity team strived to become an overall leading, prominent team. Freshman Luke Hukee, a top JV runner said, "I believe we have done very well, but need a lot more improvement if we want to be number one."

While working for improvement, many team goals were met. Junior Ted Christakos said that one of the team goals was to "act, think and be a team."

The JV runners carried this out all season through team prayer, encouragement, pasta dinners and during practice. "(Coach Dave) Beason knows how to run practices so that the hard work pays off," said sophomore Chris Goode.

While the guys strived for excellence on the course, they also worked on becoming closer as a team. "I think that our team is close in how we encourage each other to do better every time we run," said Hukee. "We all make everybody feel good and most of all, we have fun."

Varsity

Junior Varsity



Taking it easy. Sitting around, junior Marcus Iwig and senior Dennis Dane rest before running. The team found it relaxing to listen to music and joke around while waiting for their race. photo by Lisette Cabrera



Screw-in traction. Sophomores Brad Paul and Mike Cameron twist their spikes into their running shoes in preparation for the race. Cameron said that the spikes provided traction as well as being lightweight. photo by Lisette Cabrera





• **Energy exertion**

Junior Jonathan Hardy cools down after a hard 3.1 mile run. Hardy, who led the team as a varsity runner, said, "I feel exhausted after a race. My legs are super heavy because I use all my energy in the race." *photo by Matt Ring*

• **Making his move**

Advancing ahead, junior Matt Skeens attempts to get past his opponent. "It takes a lot of energy to pass someone. You have to break them down mentally. It's called making your move or surging." Skeens, who ran varsity the entire year, said, "(Cross country) is a blast. Plus I just love the feeling you get after a good workout." *photo by Matt Ring*

• **Keeping track**

Coach Dave Beason records times during the meet at Fort Dodge. "Our number one goal was to make it to state. Only the top three teams could go and we came in fifth. We did well overall and had a lot of high finishes," said Beason. *photo by Matt Ring*



• **Pushing ahead**

Varsity runner, junior John Fiala pushes forward as he gains on his opponent during the meet at Fort Dodge. "I look to see if they are weakening, then pass them hard. Every person I pass is important because one point can make the difference between the team coming in first or second," said Fiala. *photo by Matt Ring*



Upshot ::

• **Urbandale Invite,**

Freshmen: first
Sophomores: second
Juniors: second
Seniors: sixth

• **Winterset Invite,**

Freshmen: first
Sophomores: first
Juniors: second
Seniors: third

• **Nevada Invite, second**

Senior Dennis Dane led the team with a third place finish and a time of 16:53.

• **Newton Invite, third**

Dane placed the highest on the team when he placed first, finishing eighth overall with a time of 17:02.

• **Johnston Invite, first**

The varsity team as a whole came out 18 points ahead of the second place team.

• **Ballard Invite, second**

Junior Jonathan Hardy reached his personal best time for the season with a time of 16:57 for 3.1 miles.

• **Norwalk Invite, second**

• **Conference, seventh**

• **Districts, fifth**

Hardy led the team with a 16th place finish and a time of 17:36.

Team prayer also drew the team together. Before a meet, some of the guys knelt down in a circle and prayed. Before running they put their hands together and said some kind of cheer to pump them up.

The freshmen were initiated onto the team during the canoe trip, where they were thrown into the lake.

During the canoe trip, Hardy, ignoring the other guys, grabbed an electrical fence and dropped his paddle into the water.

Sophomore Chris Goode never wore underwear under his running shorts when he ran a race.

During the season, junior Matt Skeens always ate whole wheat bread because it has more nutritional value than white bread.

Before running a meet, most of the guys walked the course then stretched or relaxed while waiting for their time to run.

Junior John Fiala said that coach Dave Beason put water stops up in the wrong places to make the team run harder during practice.

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Johnston Booster Club

Good Luck Class of '99

Upshot

- Fort Dodge, 3-2
- Cedar Rapids Tournament, first

• Head coach Rick Brooks was unable to attend due to a prior commitment, so the team T.P.ed his house in celebration of the win.

- Mason City, 3-0
- Newton, 3-0

• Johnston advanced from their pre-season rating of third to their highest rating of the year, second.

- Ballard Tournament, first
- Urbandale, 3-0
- Ankeny, 3-0

- Urbandale Tournament, ninth

- Pella Christian, 3-2
- Oskaloosa Tournament, first

- Ames, 3-1
- Johnston Tournament, first

• Senior Jeny Lyons had a tournament high of 130 assists.

- Valley, 3-0
- Marshalltown, 3-0

• With this win, the girls became the first Johnston team to win the CIML National Conference Championship with a record of 8-0.

- Regionals, Lincoln, 3-0
- Regionals, Dowling, 3-0
- Regional Finals, Indianola, 3-0

- State Quarter Finals, Sioux City Heelen, 3-0
- State Semifinals, Waverly-Shell Rock, 1-3

• Senior Lacey Corcoran had her season high of 31 kills.

All-Conference Teams

- Corcoran and Lyons made first team
- Senior Katie Weisz made second team
- Juniors Ashley Bengard and Monica Inge and senior Laura Lyons received honorable mention.
- Brooks was named CIML National League conference coach of the year.
- The senior captains were Corcoran and Michelle Norton.
- Corcoran made first team All-State, Elite team All-State, All Tourney team at state, and was class 3A player of the year.

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Keeping tradition

Junior Monica Inge and senior Katie Weisz work on their nails to get ready for the next match against Waverly-Shell Rock at the hotel in Cedar Rapids. The night before each match, the team would have a pasta dinner, where everyone would paint their fingernails. This was one of the many superstitions the girls had. Another major superstition was that Inge and Weisz had to have their nails the same, but no one else could have the same design as them. photo by Michelle Norton



Press interview

After the Regional Finals against Indianola, senior Lacey Corcoran gets interviewed by Bill Kopatich from *The Des Moines Register*. Corcoran found herself in the paper numerous times throughout the season and was interviewed by the press after nearly every game and even at practice. "Since we were in the Metro this year, we've had a lot more coverage. It was always cool to read about our team the next morning in the paper," said Corcoran. photo by Brody Wells

Warming-up

Prior to a JV match, junior Nikki Thies prepares by peppering with her partner, junior Melissa Ward. To get ready for a game, the team ran through a series of drills to work on bumping, hitting, digging and serving. Thies played on JV and was a reserve for varsity. "It was really cool at state and I hope we can repeat it again next year," said Thies. "I know all of the sophomore and juniors want to go back really bad." photo by Michelle Norton



Setting up

With the perfect touch, senior Jeny Lyons positions herself for the set. Lyons was the varsity setter and led the team in assists. She had a season high of 53 assists in the Pella Christian match which went into five games. Her experience at state was very memorable for her. "I will always remember the weekend in Cedar Rapids," said Lyons. "Last year at state was awesome, but this year at state was even better." photo by Brody Wells

UNEXPECTED SUCCESS

Starting the season off with a third place ranking, the volleyball team proved to themselves that they had talent by making it to the semifinals at state.

To begin the season the volleyball team had doubts about their talents. Despite their high preseason ranking, the girls knew they had a lot of hard work ahead in order to return to state. "We had a lot of doubts, but we wanted to work hard to go back to state," said senior Kendra Reames.

The team united together to advance to the state semifinals. "We had to rebuild as a team, but we came together as the season went on," said senior Laura Lyons.

Having a lot smaller team than the previous year made for a tighter group which proved to be successful. "We were all friends and we did stuff outside of the court which made everything a lot more fun and made us closer as a team," said Girija Mahajan.

Coach Mary VanHeukelum used fun games during practice in order to make things more enjoyable. This proved to be successful as the sophomore team won the Saydell Invitational, which was a JV tournament.

Varsity

37-4-0

Sophomores 13-3-0

The junior varsity team had an average season finishing at .500. Practicing with the varsity not only made the JV better, but motivated the varsity to work harder.

"When we scrimmaged during practices, we were told that we were playing against one of the best teams in the state, which made us better," said senior Michelle Norton.

The team had several players who not only played JV, but were reserves for varsity.

The young team had a rocky season with several close losses. Unlike past seasons where there were just few big games, this year in the CIML made every game tough. Despite that, the team won the Johnston Invite.

With so many girls out, two separate teams were needed in order to accomodate them all. "This group of girls were wonderful to coach and made practice and games very interesting from day to day," said coach Mrs. Michelle Rocquet.

Junior Varsity

9-9-3

Freshmen

4-7-0



Chillin' out. During practice, sophomores Sarah Kiester and Maggie Tews take a time-out to relax their muscles with ball massages. Kiester and Tews were moved up to manager positions for varsity during the state tournament. *photo by Norton*



Stretching for the dig. Freshman Missy Iwig dives to make the play during an outdoor practice on the sand courts. The girls practiced outside on the sand several times over the summer to add a little fun to their training. *photo by Mish Norton*

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A NEW EDGE

Embarking in their inaugural season in the Central Iowa Metro League, the team was challenged with a hard conference and guided by a new coach



2-7

Varsity

4-5

Sophomores

A new season in the CIML created a lot of changes. The team had to make adjustments to their strategy. "In the CIML, it's just a matter of playing an entire game with everything that you have," said sophomore Bart Whipps.

"Coach (Spence) Evans seemed comfortable with his change to head coach. He dealt with all of the responsibilities and challenges very well. He has always been a friend, along with someone to look up to as an adult and coach," said senior Brad Schwarz.

With only 28 players, the team began the season in the CIML. "It's hard when you go up against schools that have three times the amount of kids to choose from than we do. Some schools, like Valley, have three or four strings of receivers, when we only have one," said Justin Serbus.

Some players are convinced that the team will improve. "The CIML has more competition, but it will get easier once we get the hang of things," said O'Hollearn.



Fourth down. Punting the ball, sophomore Chris Evans kicks off while sophomores Nick Hansen and David Schnotala block an Urbandale defender. "We started off rough but we played better than ever before," said Evans. *photo by Matt Ring*

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Junior Varsity

1-7

Freshmen

Despite losing four games and having one rained out, the team enjoyed themselves. "In our first game, we lost 28-0, but after that we improved some and had fun, despite our losses," said junior Jacob Reichling.

JV was also a chance for non-varsity players to show their talents. "Playing JV gives the little people a chance to stand out and prepare for a higher competition," said junior Chris Lanpher. "Without JV, some people would never get a chance on the field."

Playing for the first time in high school, the freshmen had to adjust themselves to the new style of play. "It was a big jump from middle school football. The other teams are from bigger schools, so it makes competition harder," said Derek Haden.

Matt Lunn said that the CIML was much more challenging. "We played a few of the CIML teams in the past, but even those teams seemed a little bit tougher this year."



Moving up the field. Pushing for a first down, freshman David Remer is tackled in a game against Valley. "I'm proud of our team for never giving up and scoring at least once every game," said Remer. *photo by Matt Ring*



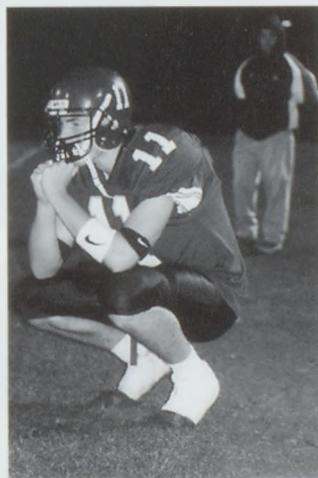


• Yards gained

- Rushing down the field, senior Eric Scheuchl runs the ball in a game against Valley. Scheuchl said, "People who say that we didn't have a good season don't know because they were not part of the experience. Sometimes things just don't go your way. The highlight of the season was after the Marshalltown game in the locker room because there were a lot of emotional speeches given that meant a lot to the team." *photo by Deena Gowdy*

Scrambling to the sideline

Running away from a Sioux City North defender, senior Lance Routson is tripped in the play. Routson's most memorable play was the catch against Fort Dodge when junior Brenden Huewe threw the game-winning touchdown to him with 24 seconds left in the game. "It was special because we wanted to be sure to win our first game of the year. It was an awesome feeling to catch the winning pass, it was indescribable," said Routson. *photo by Michelle Norton*



• Climactic ending

- Kneeling down after the last game of the season against Marshalltown, senior Tim Walker sheds a few tears. "Knowing that you can compete in the metro is a great feeling. I'll miss it more than anything because when it is over, it's over," said Walker. *photo by Matt Ring*

Upshot

• Fort Dodge, 21-17

• Mason City, 21-7

• Senior Lance Routson caught an 80-yard touchdown pass from junior Brenden Huewe, the longest in Routson's career.
• Junior Quinn Sypniewski had five quarterback sacks.

• Newton, 20-53

• Senior Eric Scheuchl rushed 202 yards and had two touchdowns, his personal best in a single game.

• Urbandale, 8-42

• Ankeny, 12-34

• Sioux City North, 21-46

• Huewe had 25 completions out of 31 attempts for a total of 214 yards, which was a conference best.

• Junior Kyle Mertz had 11 receptions in a single game, which was a conference best.

• Ames, 6-37

• Valley, 7-49

• Marshalltown, 7-42

• The team captains were Scheuchl,

Routson, seniors Andy Creger and Dan Armstrong.

• Scheuchl was the team's leading scorer with 42 points during the season.

• Routson and junior Zac Bronson tied for second with 18 points during the season.

• Senior Pat O'Hollearn was the third highest scorer on the team with 12 points.

• Scheuchl had 170 rushing attempts for a total of 737 yards and an average of 4.3 yards a carry.

• Huewe had 47 rushing attempts for 146 yards and an average of 3.1 yards a carry.

• Huewe completed 77 passes out of 171 attempts for 880 yards with seven touchdown passes and seven interceptions.

• Mertz had 29 catches for a total of 321 yards with an average of 11 yards a catch.

• Routson had 15 catches for 196 yards and an average of 13 yards a catch.

• Creger had 114 total tackles during the season - 80 assisted and 34 unassisted.

• Senior Brad Schwarz had 71 total tackles during the season - 45 assisted and 26 unassisted.

All-Conference Team

• Creger was selected to the first team as a linebacker.

• Scheuchl and O'Hollearn were selected to the second team.

• Schwarz, Mertz and Sypniewski received honorable mentions.

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... A WHOLE NEW LOOK ...

With only one returning starter, many underclassmen filled spots in the varsity girls' line up and had to learn to become leaders on the court

12-12

Varsity

One thing varsity lacked was experience. "That one aspect of the game is so important and so often overlooked," said head coach Justin Carlson. "We played so many people, that hasn't happened for four years."

Out of the new people, four were sophomores. "We had to get things explained to us more, but we worked it out. Although we only had two seniors, they were both great leaders and that helped us," said sophomore Maggie Tews.

14-7

Sophomores

Moving into the CIML meant facing more challenging teams and getting more physical. "When we went to Mason City, the referees called over 40 fouls in the first half. Almost our whole team fouled out, not to mention it was the longest game of the season," said Lindsay Sleep, one of three freshmen on the team.

Playing tougher helped to increase work ethic. "Being more physical made us play harder and more scrappy," said Sarah Smith.

4-7

Junior Varsity

Being in the shadow of varsity had many disadvantages for the junior varsity team. "It's tough in any sport on JV because it's kind of like all the leftovers thrown together," said junior Nikki Thies.

Although some did not think the team was important, senior Jill Palensky thought they learned key skills like working together and communication. "We had meetings outside the locker rooms by ourselves without the coach and talked about what we needed to improve on," said Palensky.

6-15

Freshmen

As the ninth graders were learning many new things about high school life, the freshmen team also learned more about what was expected of them at the higher level of play. "As the year went on we learned what hustling was," said Mary Kuster. "The coaches really helped us to understand this."

Chelsey Lehman thought they improved on defense. "We had a lot more intensity at the end of the year," said Lehman.



Fighting blockades. Sophomore Kristin Way shoots a jump shot over her Ankeny opponents as sophomore Jami Shackelford looks on. "We were the only team that came close to beating (Ankeny)," said Way. photo by Michelle Norton



Practice makes perfect. Doing a drill, freshman Amanda Yeggy moves past her teammate, freshman Debbie Anderson. "We lost a couple (people) to the sophomore team, so some other people had to step up to be leaders," said Yeggy. photo by Mish Norton



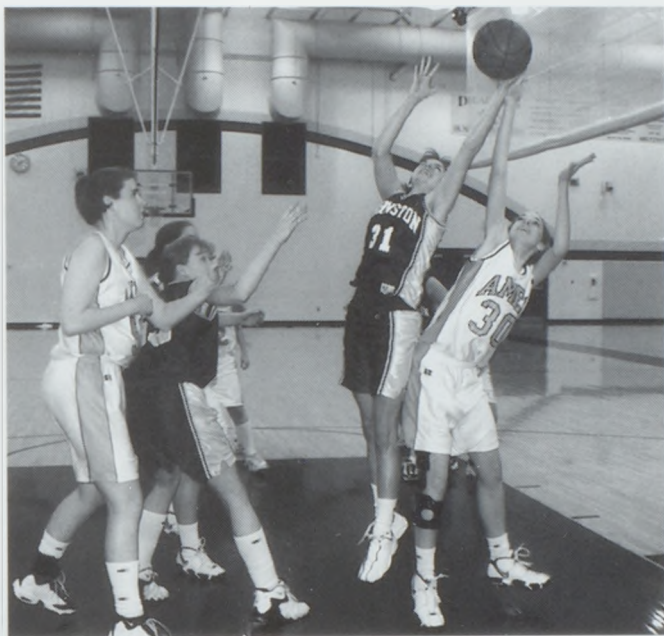


• **Barely out of bounds**

- Trying to avoid a turnover, junior Ashley Bengard throws the ball at her Fort Dodge opponent in attempt to keep possession.
- Bengard's most memorable game was when the varsity team beat Ames in overtime. Ames was rated seventh and leading the conference at the time. "We played so awesome at that game. The best thing was that we were the worst team in the conference, yet we beat them. Plus, they didn't get to be conference champs because of us," said Bengard, who was a forward. *photo by Michelle Norton*

Springing upward

Extending to reach the ball during a JV game, junior Lisa Doudna makes a rebound as teammate junior Sarah Tuttle boxes out her Ames opponent. "We improved on working harder and working as a team," said Doudna. "We realized if we didn't work hard and as team we wouldn't win." Doudna played forward for the JV team and also suited for the varsity team. *photo by Michelle Norton*



• **Reaching all the way**

- Scrambling to get the ball, senior Kirsten Frederick rebounds in a three-on-three drill during practice. "The best thing I thought we did differently this year was praying before every game. It helped me focus on why I was truly playing the game of basketball and what I was there for," said Frederick. *photo by Michelle Norton*

Upshot ::

• **Roosevelt, 45-38**

• **Hoover, 46-43**

• By scoring 29 points, senior Lacey Corcoran made the 1,000th point in her high school career. Corcoran finished with 1,436 career points.

• **Valley, 40-54**

• **Marshalltown, 51-53**

• **Fort Dodge, 54-56**

• **Mason City, 52-58**

• **Newton, 59-53**

• **Urbandale, 50-56**

• **Ankeny, 49-60**

• **Ottumwa, 68-59**

• **Valley, 56-53**

• **Ames, 42-58**

• **Marshalltown, 43-53**

• **Fort Dodge, 54-52**

• **Boone, 65-50**

• **Newton, 48-56**

• **Mason City, 50-47**

• **Urbandale, 43-53**

• **Ankeny, 60-68**

• **Ames, 75-68**

• **Saydel, 65-57**

• **Regionals, North, 79-37**

• **Regionals, C.B. Lewis Central, 61-40**

• **Regional final, Ankeny, 39-73**

• The team captains were Corcoran and senior Kirsten Frederick.

• Sophomore Lindsey Kroeger led the team with 75 blocked shots. She was also named defensive player of the year and the most improved player.

• Sophomore Therese Arnott finished with 57 assists, the most on the team.

• Sophomore Maggie Tews led the team with 21 three-pointers, including a last second shot vs. Ames to go into overtime.

• Corcoran led the team with 172 field goals, 130 free throws, 485 total points and 158 rebounds. She was named as the most valuable player and offensive player of the year.

• Junior Ashley Bengard received the Sportsmanship Award.

• Frederick received the Hustle Award.

All-Conference Team

• Corcoran was on the first team.

• Sophomore Kari Boscaljon, Arnott, Kroeger and Frederick received honorable mentions.

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Upshot

- Hoover, 48-63
- Roosevelt, 52-45
- Fort Dodge, 61-59
- Mason City, 57-76
- Newton, 58-46

• Sophomore Ryan Johnson led the team with 27 points.

- Urbandale, 64-73
- Ankeny, 53-63
- Ottumwa, 70-39
- Valley, 69-49

- Marshalltown, 69-71
- Fort Dodge, 69-71
- Newton, 63-35
- Mason City, 59-40
- Urbandale, 64-61
- Ankeny, 72-64

• The team came back from a 15 point deficit at half-time to win the game.

- Ames, 61-54
- Valley, 50-56
- Ames, 60-67

- Marshalltown, 39-51
- Regionals, East, 66-67

• The team was ahead by one point with less than a second left in the game when East's Huck Jackson threw up a nearly impossible shot and made it as the buzzer sounded.

• Senior Chris Dickey led the team with 101 assists, 33 steals and 41 three-pointers. He was also voted by the rest of the team as the MVP and Hardest Worker.

• Junior Andy Sundblad led the team with 39 free throws, 273 total points, 59 fouls and had the highest average points per game, 13.6.

• Junior Jonathan Hardy shot the highest two-point percentage with 55.9%.

• Junior Quinn Sypniewski finished with 47 offensive rebounds, 76 defensive rebounds and 67 two-pointers, the most on the team.

• Junior Steve Rude made 11 out of 11 free throws during the season.

• Three players averaged in the double digits: Dickey, Sundblad and junior Kyle Mertz.

• The senior captains were Pat O'Hollearn and Dickey.

• Out of the team's 10 losses, six of them were from teams that had been ranked in the top 10.

All-Conference Teams

• Dickey and Sundblad made First Team.
• Mertz, Sypniewski and Johnson received honorable mention.

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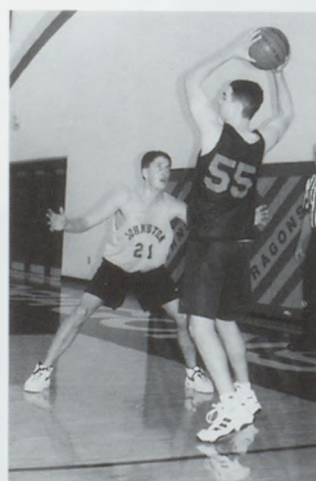
Soaring above

Jumping past his Marshalltown opponents, junior Andy Sundblad shoots for two. "This season was good because everyone in the conference was good and you could win or lose any game," said Sundblad who played guard. The varsity team beat every team in the conference at least once, except for the conference champions, Marshalltown. *photo by Michelle Norton*



Guarding tight

Keeping an eye on the ball, senior Andy Westcott guards his Ames opponent during a JV game. "My personal goal for going out for basketball was just to get in shape," said Westcott, who averaged almost nine points a game. He was also one of four players on the team who did not play organized basketball last year. This factor contributed to the team's lack of high skill level. "It affected us some because we weren't too good. But we played well, I thought, for not being McDonald's All-Americans," said Westcott. *photo by Michelle Norton*



Driving to the hoop

Under the basket, junior Quinn Sypniewski attempts to score in the first quarter of the Fort Dodge game. "I like hanging under the boards - being physical," said Sypniewski. Along with averaging 7.9 points a game, Sypniewski made close to six rebounds a game and was one of the top three rebounders in the conference. He was also the tallest player on the team, measuring six feet six inches. Many of his teammates called him 'Man Child' because he was only 16 years old and weighed 260 pounds. *photo by Michelle Norton*



Untouch-a-ball

Diving for the ball during the Marshalltown game, senior Pat O'Hollearn attempts to gain possession. "I consider myself an aggressive player. That's why I usually had three or four fouls each game," said O'Hollearn who played power forward. "I liked to sacrifice my body for the good of the team. Anything to help us win." He was also voted as the Defensive Player of the Year by his teammates. *photo by Michelle Norton*



UPS AND DOWNS

With BIG wins one week and disappointing losses the next, the varsity boys' Basketball team experienced inconsistencies in their play

"Our team was up and down. One week we beat the number nine and number 10 teams in the state and the next thing you know, we get beat by one of the teams at the bottom of the conference," said senior Chris Dickey.

Junior Kyle Mertz agreed, saying the team's play was not stable. One factor that he thought led to the inconsistencies was a lack of concentration. "We never really got focused in practice. You play like you practice," said Mertz.

According to Eric Krofta, one of the sophomore team's goals was to have a winning season.

In order to accomplish this, Mike Kunert said, "We concentrated on playing as a team, instead of singling people out. We also improved on our defense." They did this by concentrating on defense more instead of offense. "We didn't focus on just scoring. We played more a defensive mode because defense wins games," said Kunert.

Varsity

10-10

Sophomores

12-7

With only three of the seven players who played organized basketball last season, the junior varsity team faced consequences. "Our team had lots of people who never went out before, so we struggled most of the season," said junior Jacob Strohman.

Even though the team had a hard time with the lack of experience, they still had success. "We beat Valley in overtime at our place. It was a close game and we were able to step it up to beat them," said junior James Bryan.

With big games throughout the year, the freshmen team had to make many goals. Robbie Robinson said one of them was to play through each game and not to give up.

This goal was achieved against Hoover. "They were pretty good, even the coaches said they would win," said Jeff Lynch. "We were down by 20 after the first half. Tyler Adams got fouled and made two free throws in overtime with no time left to win the game."

Junior Varsity

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Freshmen

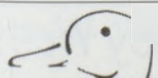
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Battling the odds. Sophomore Jared Haag fights to get a rebound. "Before every home game our spirits were rejuvenated through powerful quotes from the business world by our coach, Mr. John Williams," said Haag. *photo by M. Norton*



Focusing forward. Bringing the ball up the basketball court, freshman Kris Walters gets ready to make an offensive play. Walters played point guard and liked it because, "we have the ball all the time." *photo by Michelle Norton*



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MAKING WAVES

The varsity squad pulled together, helping the team win half of their meets, gain some unexpected victories and send seven people to the state meet

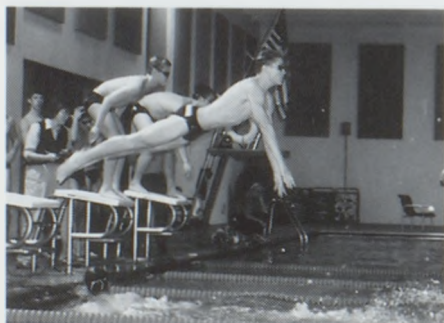
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Not only did the varsity boys' swim team gain success by finishing an unexpected eighth place at state, they were also able to make very strong bonds. "My favorite thing about swimming is just being around the guys and forming friendships," said junior Marcus Iwig. "All the guys are really nice and have a humble attitude."

The boys bonded by spending time together playing *James Bond* on Nintendo 64, watching football or competing in highly physical, and sometimes dangerous, wrestling matches.

Friendship was not the only strong force working for the team. Speed and experience also had to do with their success, as senior Dennis Dane explained. "The most memorable meet of the season for me was senior night against Ames. I dropped three seconds in my 200 free and beat two guys who were seeded at the same time as I was," said Dane.

Varsity



Jump start. Junior Grant Mandsager starts his leg of the 400 free relay following senior Dennis Dane during the Ames meet. "Everyone swam spectacular at the Ames meet, it was so awesome," said Mandsager. photo by Michelle Norton

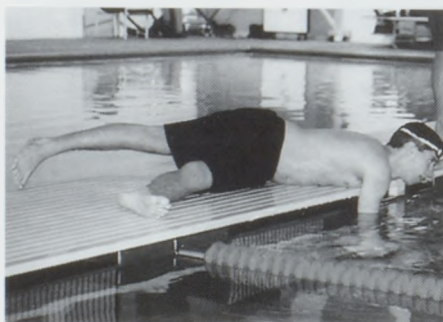
Junior Varsity

This season was the first for many of the junior varsity swimmers. "I had only swam when I was little before this year," said freshman Nick Reed. "I decided to go out for the team to get in shape for cross country."

Another new edition to the team was freshman Cody Lewton. "I had swam for Urbandale Swim Club when I was ten years old. I went out for swimming to get in shape, fill the time and be with my friends," said Lewton.

Despite the lack of experience from the JV squad, many swimmers were able to improve their times throughout the year. Sophomore Robert Shumaker also went out for the swim team for the first time. Shumaker was able to improve his 100 backstroke time by over eleven seconds.

As the statistics reflected, all of the JV swimmers showed strong improvement in their times, which helped them to finish the season as a faster team.



Keeping track. Holding the number cards during the 500 freestyle, freshman Brian Johnson keeps track of the laps for Urbandale's Tyrone Choi. Johnson's favorite thing about swimming was the morning breakfast. photo by M. Norton



Upshot

• Ankeny, 60-110

• Ames Invite, fourth

The team of senior Dennis Dane, junior Jared Jablonski (Urbandale), senior Matt Kroeger and junior Grant Mandsager won the 200 freestyle relay.

• Marshalltown, 79-91

Mandsager won the 200 free and placed second in the 500 free.

• Fort Dodge, 117-56

Junior Ben Flannery won the 100 butterfly and placed second in the 200 IM after Mandsager.

• Lincoln, 98-72

Dane won the 100 butterfly and the 200 IM. Kroeger finished first and sophomore John Hicklin (Urbandale) finished second in the 50 freestyle.

• Newton, 128-50

The boys won every varsity event at this meet. Dane won the 200 freestyle and the 500 freestyle.

Mandsager won the 200 IM and the 100 freestyle.

Jablonski won the 50 freestyle.

Flannery won the 100 butterfly and the 100 backstroke.

Kroeger won the 100 breaststroke.

• Dowling, 28-62

• East DM, 75-15

• Urbandale Invite, third

Mandsager got second in both the 200 and 500 freestyle.

• Ames, 95-75

• Mason City, 36-58

Junior Jason Kohles placed fourth in the 100 butterfly.

• Valley, 53-117

• Conference, fifth

• Districts, third

• State, eighth

Dane placed second in the 200 freestyle.

Flannery placed 18th in the 100 butterfly.

Kroeger placed 20th in the 50 freestyle.

Mandsager placed sixth in both the 200 and 500 freestyle.

The 200 freestyle relay placed fifth and the 400 freestyle relay placed sixth with the team of Dane, Jablonski, Kroeger and Mandsager.

Senior Jay Johnson (Urbandale) and Kohles were selected as alternates.

Freshman Seth Anderson was voted as the most improved swimmer.

Dane was voted as the hardest worker.

Mandsager was voted as the most valuable swimmer.

Reaching ahead

Gasping for air, senior Matt Kroeger stretches to the wall during the 100 breaststroke. "I swim for the thrill of competition," said Kroeger. "Before meets I usually keep to myself and try to focus." Kroeger swam the 200 and 50 free, 100 back and both the 200 and 400 freestyle relays. Kroeger was voted as the most inspirational swimmer. photo by Michelle Norton

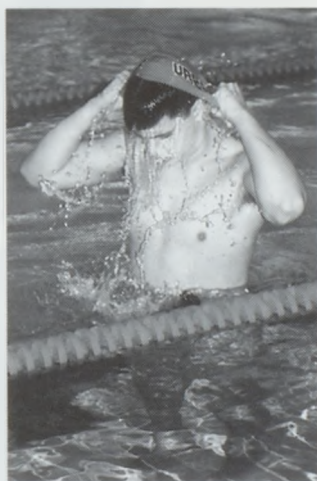
• Take your mark

Anticipating the buzzer, junior Ben Flannery takes his mark during practice. "Before a meet the team all gets together and we talk about what we need to do to win the meet," said Flannery. "Before my race I usually look at the water and go over the race in my mind." photo by Sarah Straw



• In over his head

During the warm-up before the second half of the Ames meet, freshman Jasen Stocker puts on his swim cap. "I swim because of the sense of accomplishment I feel when I drop time," said Stocker. photo by Michelle Norton



• Breath of fresh air

At the Ames meet, junior Jason Kohles reaches for air during the 100 butterfly. "I ended up touching out the guy next to me and I also got my fastest time. I was so happy. Afterwards (freshman) Cody Lewton told me that it was National Hug Day, so I gave him this huge hug," said Kohles. "That was an awesome meet." The Ames meet was unanimously voted the most memorable meet by the varsity swimmers. photo by Michelle Norton

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STRONG SUPPORT

Although the wrestling team was young, they took advantage of the opportunity to strengthen themselves individually by uniting as a team

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Wrestling varsity proved to be a challenge as many of the holes in the line-up were filled with younger guys. "We wanted to improve a lot since most of our wrestlers were young," said head coach Frank Baltzley.

No matter the circumstances, the team helped one another. "We had a really good team atmosphere and all supported each other," said senior Chris Williams.

With this team support, improvement did come. "As a team, we really developed," said junior Matt Herrmann. "We conditioned pretty hard and everybody pushed themselves as hard as they could to make the team as good as it could be."

With such a determined team, experience will come with time. "As individuals we're making steps forward," said assistant coach Jerry Stratton. "But since we're so young as a team, it's hard to make large strides."

Varsity

Junior Varsity



Steady focus. With all of his strength, freshman Eli Beirman fights to control his opponent. "While I'm wrestling I'm really focused," said Beirman. "But I'm also ready to get it over with." *photo by Michelle Norton*



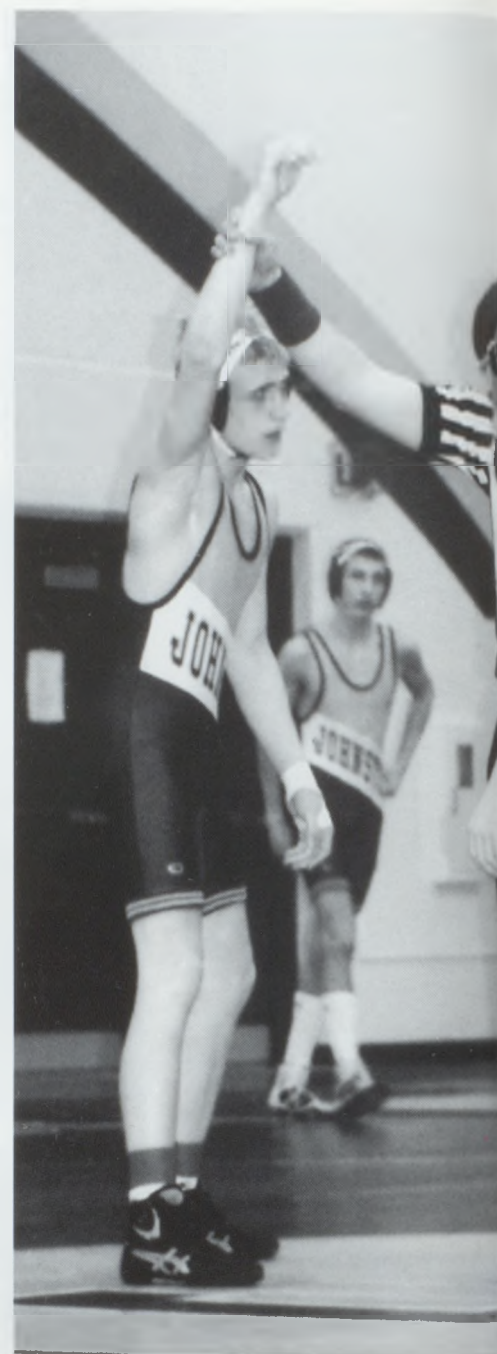
Tough domination. Holding his position, freshman Jason McKeever restrains his opponent. "Overall we needed to put more time into practice," said McKeever. "We weren't the greatest, but we all improved." *photo by Michelle Norton*

In order to succeed, a team must first lay a foundation on which to work. According to coach Robb Boley, this is what the junior varsity team hoped to accomplish. "The team goal was to improve on some basic skills so we could contribute to the varsity team next year," said Boley.

The team put forth an extra effort toward improvement. "We always encouraged whoever was on the mat wrestling. I think this made us stronger as a team," said freshman John Ramsay.

In the meanwhile, the team drew close. "We all look out for one another," said freshman Tim House. "We came together to be a team and got through a lot of tough meets. Everybody gave congratulating words and lifted you up if you lost."

According to Boley, this was the team's strong point. "Their strength is their unity," said Boley. "They support each other very well."



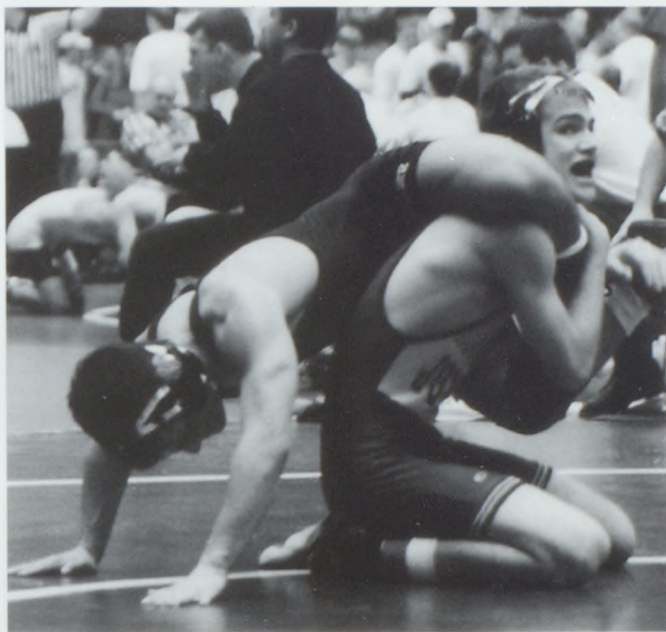


• **Final relief**

- Arm held up high, junior Cody Lowman wins a tough match against his Valley opponent.
- "Right when I finish a match, I'm already planning for the next one," said Lowman. "I already have the next match running through my mind and I'm thinking about what I'm going to change or improve."
- Lowman wrestled at the varsity level and continued on to state for his second consecutive year.
- *photo by Michelle Norton*

Strong hold

Casting a glance to the side, sophomore Jon Lewton holds his Valley opponent by the legs during the state tournament. "(Preparing for state) was a lot of hard work but it paid off," said Lewton, who ended up placing fifth in the state. *photo by Lisette Cabrera*



• **Ever-present help**

- Giving his assistance, JV coach Robb Boley helps freshman Sean McAndrew during practice. "I think we had a great bunch of coaches," said McAndrew.
- "(Boley) is a really good coach. He's easy to talk to, supportive and takes a lot of time with me." *photo by Ted Rives*

• **Maintaining control**

- Varsity wrestler sophomore Aaron Madison keeps his dominating hold on his Dowling opponent during the state tournament. "At the start of the season, my goal was to place in state. Once you get to state, your whole goal changes from making state to winning it," said Madison, who placed fourth in the state. *photo by Lisette Cabrera*

Upshot ::

• **Fort Dodge, 17-56**

• **Mason City, 20-42**

• Junior Cody Lowman led the team with the only pin.

• **Roosevelt, 66-12**

• Seniors Rod Serbus and Chris Williams, juniors Dan Logue, Matt Herrmann, Adam Walz and Lowman, sophomores Jon Lewton and Aaron Madison and freshmen Eli Beirman, Seth Arganbright and J.R. Mundy scored the team six points each with a pin.

• **Adel, 33-37**

• **Clarinda, 39-17**

• Although only two pins were made, all wrestlers gained team points that contributed to their winning score.

• **Grinnell, 71-6**

• The team scored the highest number of points for the season with eight pins.

• **Carlisle, 27-31**

• **Newton, 29-26**

• **Pella, 61-6**

• **Urbandale, 26-34**

• **Boone Invite, third**

• **Valley, 22-42**

• **Cedar Falls, 32-33**

• **Muscatine, 20-40**

• **Urbandale, 21-33**

• **Spencer, 45-27**

• **Hoover, 60-12**

• The team gained 42 points from the opponent's seven forfeits.

• **Indianola, 18-44**

• **Ames, 25-44**

• **Lincoln, 24-34**

• **Sioux City West, 28-39**

• **Hoover, 54-10**

• **Webster City, 29-38**

• **Ankeny, 12-56**

• **Valley, 21-42**

• **CIML Tournament, ninth**

• **Districts, sixth**

• **State, 16th**

• Lowman, Madison and Lewton continued on to state.

• Lowman reached the quarterfinals, losing in the consolation match.

• Madison made it to the semifinals with three pins, placing fourth in the state.

• Lewton also continued to the semifinals, coming away with a pin and a placing of fifth in the state.

• Madison finished the season with a total of 24 pins, the most on the team.

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Upshot

CHEERLEADING

• National Cheerleading Association High School summer camp,

- The team was voted the top squad by the staff of the camp.
- The team was voted the top squad by their fellow cheerleaders attending the camp.
- The team received the safe stunts award, the best team award, the spirit stick award and the champion chant award.
- Juniors Angela Schuster and Amanda Midkiff were All-American Cheerleaders.
- Seniors Alyssa Andrews, Kim Bjornson, Cassie Christensen, Emily Meyer, Lindsay Hansen and Amy Palmer and juniors Amy Schuster, Danielle Markel and Tia Krultz were All-American Cheerleader nominees.

• State, third

- The six elements of scoring at state were stunts, tumbling, jump, dance, cheer and chant.
- There were 13 varsity football cheerleaders. The captains were Hansen and Palmer.
- There were six varsity wrestling cheerleaders. The captain was Bjornson.
- There were twelve varsity basketball cheerleaders consisting of two squads. The captain of the Gold squad was Hansen and the captain of the Purple squad was Meyer.
- There were a total of 55 cheerleaders including all the three sports and all four grades.

DANZ TEAM

• State, fourth

• National Dance Association competition sponsored by the Universal Cheerleading and Dance Association at the Mall of America, eighth

- There were sixteen members of the Danz team. The captains were seniors Ellen Dane and Angela Finestead.
- The team danced routines to the hit songs *Intergalactic* by the Beastie Boys, *Tell Me Your That Somebody* by Aaliyah, *Knock On Wood* by Amii Stewart and an Aerosmith mix including *Dude Looks Like Lady*, *Ragdoll* and *Taste of India*.
- Seniors Dane, Finestead and Marie Bunce and juniors Lindsay Conway and Andee Jo Houle choreographed the dance routines to the songs the team danced to.

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Feel the rhythm

Getting into the music, junior Andee Jo Houle grinds to the song *Knock On Wood* by Amii Stewart. "We had a lot of fun together as a team," said Houle. "In the end, I felt like the team could have put in more effort at state. Then perhaps our attitudes would have been better about the dance, but it leaves us with much area to improve since we are going to be losing eight seniors." photo by Michelle Collignon



Go big J!

Cheering at the Fort Dodge football game, senior Cassie Christensen looks to the crowd for some support. "Cheering for football was the best because so many people came to watch the games. We get to plan all the homecoming stuff and we also got to perform at state," said Christensen. "I felt we didn't perform at state very well. We had done better in practice, but our place reflected our performance but it wasn't actually what we were capable of." photo by Jen White



Stand tall

While performing an extension prep stunt, junior Angela Schuster balances on the hands of fellow senior cheerleaders Cassie Christensen, Kim Bjornson and Julie Heffling. "We worked really hard on our stunt sequences because cheerleaders rate other cheerleaders on how good their stunts are," said Schuster. "At state competition and at camp this summer we wanted to present ourselves the best we could to the other teams with our stunts." photo by Michelle Collignon



In your face

Strutting their stuff during their dance routine, junior Lindsay Conway and seniors Andrea Bean, Bridget Bond, Ellen Dane and Angela Finestead dance during halftime of the boys' basketball game against Newton. "We felt we had to step up to fill the places left from the graduates from last year," said Finestead. "There was some tension amongst our team having so many old and new members, but after awhile we became pretty close with each other and we were able to express our opinions." photo by Michelle Norton

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SUPPORTING OTHERS

The Danz team and cheerleaders cooperated with the other sports teams by pumping up the players and the crowd and entertaining at halftime

Despite conflicts amongst team members, the Danz team came together in order to perform and compete as a group at state competition. "We had trouble learning to work with each other as a team," said junior Micaelah Morrill. "We all wanted to do well at state, but we didn't know how to work together to achieve that. Many times our practices were chaos, but after a lot of work, we started to work as a team."

The girls trained together for six months to prepare their dance routine. The team also performed at all of the home football games, half of the home basketball games and at one wrestling meet.

The team had many fundraisers to raise money for their new outfits. They raffled off a comfy couch at every home football game, had a car wash, had a street dance and sponsored the Mr. JHS contest. "We're showing so we wanted new outfits so we could have a variety," said senior Bridget Bond. "With our new ones, we can mix and match our outfits."

Danz

At games, meets and pep assemblies the cheerleaders helped sports by getting the crowd and the players excited about the game. "We're there to get the crowd excited and get the school's enthusiasm," said varsity basketball cheerleader, junior Mary Mullenix. In order to cover the many more girls' and boys' basketball games the cheerleaders had two different varsity squads.

The football cheerleaders participated in state competition in the fall and in the Iowa High School Cheerleading Camp in the summer. "It was hard work at camp, but we did great together as a team," said junior Amanda Midkiff. "It was all worth it; the whole team improved as a squad and as individual cheerleaders."

Football cheerleaders were the only squad given a chance to go to state, but many others preferred the other sports to cheer for. "I like wrestling cheerleading because we're closer to the players," said junior Emily Feaster. "The players seem to appreciate us more."

Cheerleading



Finishing touch. The Danz team pauses at the end of their state dance routine at a homecoming pep assembly. The team performed at every pep assembly to show their new dances. photo by Michelle Collignon



High kick. Performing a toe touch, sophomore Ally Maas cheers for the sophomore girl's basketball team. Maas not only cheered on the sophomore basketball squad but also on the the sophomore football squad. photo by Michelle Norton

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Upshot

- **Urbandale Invite**, seventh
 - The team score was 220 for nine holes.
- **Fort Dodge Dual**, won
 - The team score was 206 for nine holes.
- **Newton Dual**, lost
 - The team score was 237 for nine holes.
- **North Invite**, fifth
 - The team score was 434 for eighteen holes.
- **Ames Invite**, fifth
 - The team score was 228 for nine holes.
- **Ankeny Dual**, lost
 - The team score was 230 for nine holes.
- **Johnston Invite**, fourth
 - The team score was 418 for eighteen holes.
 - The players brought food so afterwards they all had a feast of junk food.
- **Ames Dual**, lost
 - The team score was 216 for nine holes.
- **Mason City Triple**, third
 - The team score was 218 for nine holes.
- **Boone/Marshalltown Triple**, third
 - The team score was 218 for nine holes.
- **CIML (Newton)**, eighth
 - The team score was 509 for eighteen holes.
 - Junior Anne Giusto had the best score of 117.
- **Districts (Newton)**, fifth
 - The team score was 510 for eighteen holes.
 - Senior Erin Derby had the best score of 123.
- The overall team score averaged for the season was 227.8 for nine holes.
- Junior Libby Hietbrink had the best score of 98 for eighteen holes at the North Invite.
- Derby had the best score of 48 for nine holes at Fort Dodge.
- Derby was the only senior on the team and she was also named team captain.
 - The team played a total of 12 meets.
 - All five varsity players lettered.
 - Grapes were the team's favorite fruit.
 - The team decided on buying matching florescent yellow Adidas shirts for their uniform.
- A golf banquet was held at Cheddar's on May 24th.

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Helpful pointers

As she prepares to hit her ball, junior Jenna Peitzman takes some advice from coach Steve Smith. "I always got frustrated because I had to change my swing so many times. Finally by the end (of the season) Mr. Smith helped me get it so I could drive the ball pretty well. When I drove I had to go back and remember what Mr. Smith told me about my stance and how to hit the ball," said Peitzman.

photo by Alyssa Ranney



Keep an eye on the ball

Watching her ball so she knows where it lands, senior Erin Derby decides how far her shot is going. "We learned that after we hit the ball we needed to watch it because (junior) Angela Jennings would hit the ball and lose her ball," said Derby. photo by Alyssa Ranney



Tending to the flag

Removing the flag so her teammates can putt, junior Libby Hietbrink helps out since she is closest to the flag. Senior Erin Derby and junior Jenna Peitzman were Hietbrink's partners. "Whenever Derby and I golfed together, our balls were magnetic towards each other. If I was having a good round, she was. If she was having a bad round, I was. Our balls always went to the same places," said Hietbrink. photo by Alyssa Ranney

Improvement drills

On a rainy day at Best Shot Driving Range, freshman Molly Ehm practices a putting drill. Her golf balls were placed one foot apart starting from the pin and she had to putt each ball so that it hit the pin. The exercise was not as easy as it would have been normally because the rain slowed down the greens making putting more difficult. "We always played in rainy weather. The only reason we wouldn't go out there was because of lightning. A meet only got canceled once because of weather," said Ehm. photo by Alyssa Ranney

'99 golf team memories: George, Sally, Rita, grapes, no tees, Team Melba, Harold, tabasco sauce, jumper cables, fried eggs, chocolate salty balls, No Scrubs, "We're not stopping!" "But I gotta go!" "Go in the bucket!", Bendable, 'burban door, Larry's will, hoochie mama, Quik Trip, "Oh shoooooot!", Bullet Ball, "Go home ball!", Ames, "We're sorry, we suck!", hole #11

REMAINING POSITIVE

Despite few wins at meets, the girls' golf team intensified practices to use the season to improve their games while keeping fun as a main objective

One of 12 meets was won partly due to having only one senior. Another of the many reasons was that seven team members were new. "For being as inexperienced as we were we pulled through and did the best we could do," said junior Anne Giusto.

Since they were not focused on winning, the varsity was willing to give advice to new players. "The varsity players helped me by telling me what to do in certain situations, like when the ball goes out of bounds or in the water," said freshman Abby DeWitt.

When they were not helping newer players, the varsity worked on their skills. "After meets, we'd sit down and talk about our weak spot and focus our practices around that," said Giusto.

The season was valuable for the team improvement that occurred when fun was mixed with hard work. "Practices gave us a chance to relax while playing and also time to joke around with teammates," said junior Melissa Miller.

Varsity

1-12

Funny memories defined the season since the junior varsity was not worried about winning. "(Sophomore) Cathy Partington swung and the head of her driver flew off. We all thought it was her whole club because it made this huge loud noise," said sophomore Tara McGowan. Partington kept the head and allowed teammates to kiss it for good luck.

There were other good luck charms, too. "Every time before we played, we colored a Dragon golf ball with markers," said freshman Ashley Vanderpool.

Inside jokes were an addition to good luck charms. "The bus rides were the best part of meets because we joked around," said sophomore Deanne Danielson.

Besides having fun, the players improved. "My drives have gotten a lot longer. I just went to the range and hit balls," said freshman Sarah Whitten.

Freshman Molly Ehm summed up it all up well when she said, "We all tried our best and that's the most important thing."

Junior Varsity



The physical part. During their lengthy walk to the next tee box, juniors Angela Jennings and Melissa Miller talk about their game. They were practicing at Jester Golf Course on the front nine. *photo by Alyssa Ranney*



Double check for accuracy. Junior Erin Hansen lines up her putt before she hits the ball. Hansen was taking her first putt on hole four on the par three at Jester Golf Course. *photo by Alyssa Joy Ranney*

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STRONG DESIRES

The team focused on their goal and overcame difficulties to become the first soccer team in the history of the school to make it to state



10-8

Varsity

The varsity boys' soccer team started early to prepare to meet their number one goal of going to state by having open gym at 5:45 a.m. four days a week starting in November.

Before the first game, head coach Robb Boley distributed shirts to each player to help them focus on state. The numbers "803861" were printed on the front to represent the interstate and highways that led to Muscatine, where the state tournament was held. "If anyone ever took a break during the game or forgot what they were playing for, they could look down to

their chest as a reminder of where they wanted to be June 5," said junior Matt Herrmann.

The team started off strong with an 8-2 record and attracted attention around school. "The pressure built up on us because we were expected to win," said senior Brody Wells.

Another set back was that three of the six seniors suffered injuries, forcing others to fill in their positions.

With their high expectations, the team overcame the challenges to become the first soccer team from Johnston to ever qualify for state.

6-5-1

Junior Varsity

The season provided many challenges for the junior varsity team. Sophomore Andy Heffling said the competition started off easier, but progressively got more difficult as the season went on. Also, the constant moving up and down of players made team unity hard and a mid-season switch of coaches made for a difficult transition. "It started off pretty well but went downhill at the end," said sophomore Chris O'Hollearn.

6-3-1

9th and 10th

The mixing of ninth and tenth graders created a very skilled and motivated team. Since there were only two coaches, Jeff Hawkins coached the ninth and tenth grade team as well as the junior varsity. "Their desire to be moved up to other teams and to show the coaching staff their skills gave them motivation," said Hawkins. "Their effort and work ethic made working with them a lot of fun." Because of this hard work, the team had a successful season.



Stepping in front. Pushing past his opponent, sophomore Jon Muecke fights to win the ball. "We needed to work on passing," said Muecke. "But most of all, we needed work on shooting." photo by Lisette Cabrera



Power pass. Winding up, freshman Adam Frank prepares to send the ball up the field. "I think we needed to improve our communication on the field," said freshman Alex Liewer. "We really needed to talk more." photo by Lisette Cabrera

Upshot ::

- Indianola, 2-1
- Lincoln, 3-2

• Senior Chris Dickey set up senior Jon Foley to score the winning goal in overtime.

- Mason City, 6-0

• Senior Pat O'Hollearn tore his ACL and was unable to play back to his full ability.

- Urbandale Invite, Hoover, 2-1, Davenport West, 3-0, Urbandale, 0-7

• Senior Kyle Campbell suffered a third degree concussion after being kicked in the head by a Hoover player. Later in the season he received another concussion and was forced to sit out the rest of the season.

- Newton, 4-2
- Urbandale, 0-4
- Ankeny, 2-1
- Fort Dodge, 8-1
- Hoover, 0-2
- Valley, 1-5
- CIML Tournament, Newton, 0-1
- Ames, 2-3
- Marshalltown, 1-4
- Districts, Ankeny, 2-0
- Districts, Ames, 2-1

• With 30 seconds on the clock, senior Ben Wissink threw the ball in bounds to senior Brody Wells, who headed it into the goal.

- State Quarter Finals, Bettendorf, 0-9

- Senior team captains were Wells, Dickey and Campbell.
- Dickey led the team for the season with 10 goals.
- Wells ended the season with eight assists, the most on the team.
- Wissink scored two goals for the opposing team, the most on the team.
- Coach Robb Boley had a list of strict policies for the team to follow including not being late, polishing shoes prior to each game and no cussing anywhere.
- O'Hollearn was forced to do the most push-ups due to his vulgar language and stubbornness.
- Shane Wilson was the only freshman on varsity and played a critical role in the first Hoover game by scoring the winning goal.
- All-Conference, Dickey made first team, Foley made second team, Junior Clint Meek, Wissink and Wells received honorable mentions.

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Let's get physical

- During the district game vs. Ankeny, senior Jon Foley kicks the ball down the field. When Foley dislocated his shoulder in the first game against Hoover, sophomore Curt Dillon had to fill his shoes on the field. "The injury affected the team altogether. I had to step up and play what I'm capable of playing," said Dillon. Although Foley sat out for two games, he finished the season with nine goals and two assists. *photo by Michelle Norton*

Blocking the shot

Watching the ball come to his hands, junior Travis Andersen protects the goal. "Before the game there is a little pressure (to do well), but once the game starts my instincts take over," said Andersen about playing the position of goalie for the varsity team. *photo by Michelle Norton*



Sendin' it up the field

- Striking the soccer ball, junior Clint Meek prepares to kick the ball as junior Matt Herrmann looks on. "My personal goal was to score a goal. I had gone through my freshman and sophomore years without ever scoring a varsity goal," said Meek. "I begged coach (Robb) Boley til he finally got mad and put me in offense. Even though I only got to play offense for 12 minutes, I scored my goal. It was great. I wanted to go crazy and do a flip or something, but since we were up 6-1, it would have been pretty pointless." *photo by Michelle Norton*

Lacing up

- Getting ready to play their game, juniors Brady Jacobson and Nic Scherer tie their shoes. "(Before each game) I always shave because when I was a freshman coach (Robb Boley) made me shave with a two-cent razor and no mirror. I almost bled to death before the game," said Jacobson, who played varsity for three years. *photo by Michelle Norton*



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Upshot

- Johnston Invite, rescheduled - rain
- Mason City, rescheduled - rain, snow
- Hoover, 9-2
 - Freshman Jackie Swanepoel and junior Mary Mullinix played their first doubles match together and won, 6-1, 6-2.
- Newton, 10-1
 - Seniors Wendy Dennis and Kelly Wilges and juniors Betsy Sanders and Andrea Glenndenning shut out their opponents.
- Urbandale, rescheduled - rain after start
- Knoxville Invite, second place
- North Invite, -(JV), first place
- Ankeny, rescheduled - rain
- Ankeny, 6-5
 - Senior Sarah Morris played her best match of the year winning 6-4, 2-6, 7-5, against an opponent that may be number one next year.
 - Dennis won 5-7, 6-3, 6-1. She could have won easier, but she gave her opponent too many chances to hit the ball.
- Ames, rescheduled - rain after arrival
- Valley, rescheduled - rain
- Indianola, rescheduled - rain after start
- Ames, 2-9
- Marshalltown, 6-1 - rain
 - Senior Jill Palensky was up 6-5, 30-love in the third set and the Marshalltown coach forfeited the match so that the team could call the meet off, rather than sit outside in the rain.
- Indianola, cancelled - rain
- Fort Dodge, 6-5
 - Sophomores Molly Langwith and Laura Skow won in doubles 6-4, 1-6, 7-5.
- Mason City, 6-5
 - The match ended early when Glenndenning and Sanders played winning doubles for the sixth win of the match 6-0, 6-0.
- Valley, 0-11
- Urbandale, 2-9
 - Glenndenning and Sanders' record was raised to 9-0, and they earned a doubles run at districts.
- Johnston Invite, third place
- Conference Record, 5-3

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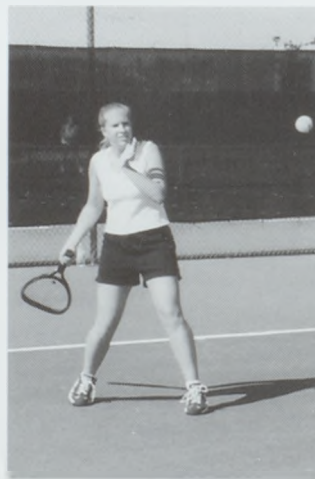
Snack break

Lounging around on a blanket, sophomore Sarah Skinner, junior Bailey Hufford, sophomore Amanda Touch, juniors Mary Mullenix and Danielle Markel and junior Wendy Palensky gather around on the grass in a circle and share a snack. "Every meet we put blankets out on the grass and we ate the whole time until it was time for us to play. It was fun because all we did was talk and eat. We really got to know each other well," said Skinner. *photo by Matt McCrea*



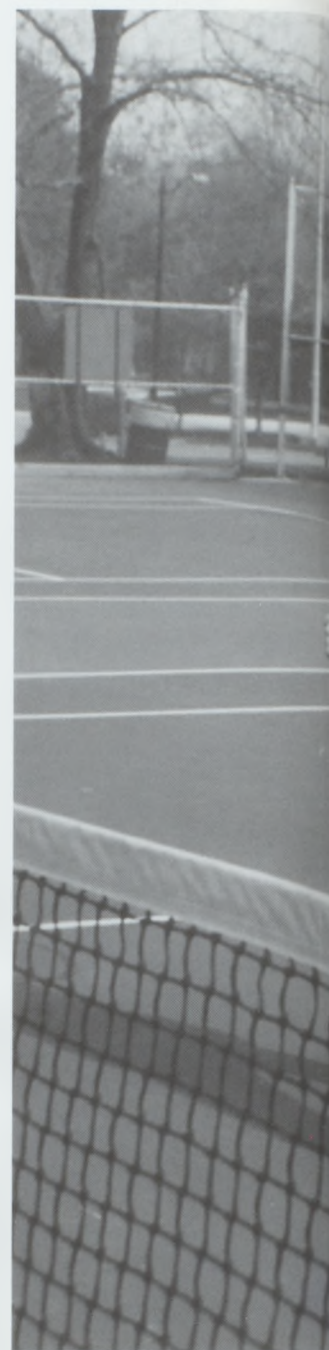
Slappin' it back

Playing against an opponent from Urbandale, varsity senior Jill Palensky hits the ball back across the court. "I improved because the conference was harder and my hitting became stronger, also I improved on the ladder. I was five last year and moved up to third," said Palensky. "During my Urbandale match, I was playing hard throughout the match, but in the end I came up short." *photo by Michelle Collignon*



Playing up close

Concentrating on her opponent's return, junior Andee Jo Houle lunges toward the oncoming ball while playing Indianola. "My doubles partner (senior) Sadie Braune and I had pretty good net skill. So we took advantage of that and we played as close to the net as much as we could. This gave us an advantage over the teams that played the baseline more," said Houle. *photo by Megan Stetson*



Permission granted

Handing the ball to junior Andrea Glenndenning, coach Shawn Holmes tells Glenndenning what court to play on and who her competitor is. Due to the fact that Holmes' moved to New York in June, this was his last year coaching. Reflecting on the season, Glenndenning said, "The most memorable part of playing was when (junior) Betsy Sanders sang me the song, 'I Like Big Butts.' She sang to me when I was warming up and playing. It was funny, and it really got me pumped up and ready to play." *photo by Matt McCrea*

Molly Langwith
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ALL RAINED OUT

Swinging into their new season in the CIML, the girls' tennis team was only able to begin play when the rain stopped and the courts dried out

The joke of the season with some people on the tennis team was the rain. Eight meets were cancelled or rescheduled due to the rain or snow. "At the beginning of the season we had a lot of rained out meets. Some of us had a joke like, 'What's a tennis meet?' because we never really played a full one until close to the end of the season," said sophomore Molly Langwith. "At the end of the season, we had five meets in one week. It affected our play because we were all tired due to the heavy play," said Langwith.

Some were excited to play, but then ended up disappointed. "We were really excited to start playing because we had good expectations. We were ready and pumped to play when we got there, and when the meets were cancelled, I think it brought the team down. When we finally did get to play our meets, the pressure was on us to do well, and we succeeded," said sophomore Laura Skow.

Varsity

6-3

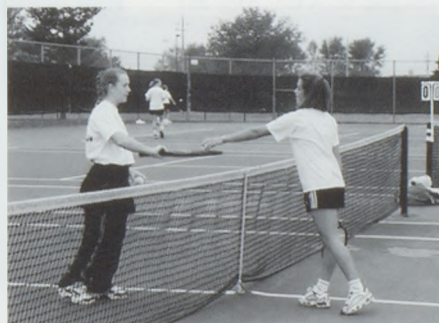
The most memorable thing of the tennis season was the rain. Unfortunately, when the meets were made up other things interfered with them. Although, some positives came out of the rain. "It was really frustrating that a whole lot of our meets were cancelled because I only got to play in three of the meets the whole season. The only positive thing about the rainy season was that practices were cancelled, too," said freshman Mary Winzenburg.

School work also affected the play of some players on the team. Junior Megan Stetson said, "Almost all of the meets that were cancelled were crammed into the last week of the season. It was unfortunate because a lot of us had A.P. tests and were starting to prepare to study for our final tests. I was unable to attend some of the meets."

Despite studying for tests and making up their meets at the end of the season, the team won half of their meets in their last week.

Junior Varsity

2-1



After the racket spin. After deciding who would serve, junior Amanda Midkiff hands the ball over to senior Lori McMannus from Fort Dodge. Midkiff won the singles match against McMannus 6-4, 6-2. photo by Matt McCrea



Deep concentration. Senior Sadie Braune prepares herself at the net while waiting for her doubles partner to serve against the Fort Dodge challengers. Unlike other meets, this one lasted until dark. photo by Matt McCrea

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Upshot

• Hoover, 9-2

Seniors Nate Butzen and Andy Briggs, juniors John Fiala and Jake Strohmman and freshman Ramsey Midkiff won.

• Fort Dodge, 2-9

Strohmman got in a heated match and opened his mouth at inopportune times and said, "If you want to cheat, that's ok."

• Mason City, 6-4

It was sunny and 60 degrees with some wind. Sophomore Nathan Gerger thought it was the nicest weather they had all season.

• Newton, 9-2

The doubles teams of Fiala and Butzen, A. Briggs and Midkiff, junior Ted Christakos and Strohmman, seniors Andy Westcott and Andy Johnson, freshman Kris Walters and sophomore Reed Baessler defeated their opponents.

• Ankeny, 0-11

• Urbandale, 5-6

This was considered the team's worst loss because Urbandale's number one player was sick. They lost three of four matches in three sets.

• Pella Christian, 5-4

Fiala got hurt and the rest of the team bonded together and was able to win a tough match without a top player.

• Indianola, 6-5

Mrs. Valerie Midkiff brought a doughnut platter for the team.

• Ames, 4-7

The team expected a major blow out but it ended up being a close match.

• Marshalltown, 5-6

For the long ride they rented *Water Boy* to make the time pass on the charter bus. Marshalltown's top two players were foreign exchange students.

• Ankeny Tournament, fifth place

• Districts, fourth place

The night before the team had a pasta dinner at Sherri Walling's house. They ate and meditated with "magic bolts," which is a concentration exercise that is used to focus one's thoughts.

They scored 10 team points, the team's highest score ever in a 2-A district meet.

spread by Tara McGowan and Sarah Straw

Keeping score

Flipping the score cards, senior Nate Butzen gets ready for his next set. "Before every meet I wax my racket and I also put on a new grip," said Butzen. "I play tennis because God has given me tennis talent." This was his second year playing on the team.

photo by Sarah Straw



Playing the net

While playing a doubles match with junior Ryan Burnley, sophomore Reed Baessler strains to return the ball. "My favorite thing about tennis is the jokes during practice," said Baessler. "I like the girls' team too." This was Baessler's second year on the junior varsity team and it was Burnley's third year. "I play tennis because it's a fun sport and I have some talent at it," said Burnley. "A lot of my good friends play as well."

photo by Marcus Iwig

Eye on the ball

During a meet against Ames, senior Andy Briggs prepares to return the ball during a doubles match. Briggs and junior John Fiala won the doubles match 7-5, 4-6, 7-5. "I won a free tennis racket my freshman year for selling candy bars for baseball, so I decided I might as well play tennis," said Briggs. "Who knew I would be decent?" This was Briggs' fourth year on varsity and Fiala's third.

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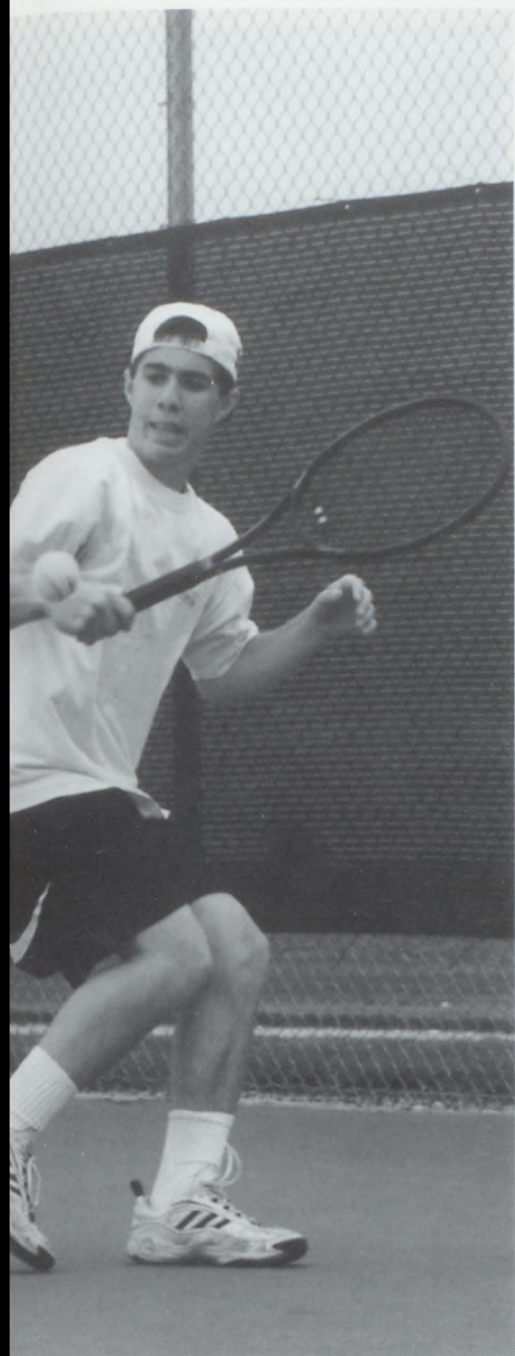


Stretching the limits

Junior James Bryan reaches to get the ball during the meet against Mason City. This was Bryan's first year playing tennis. "I decided to play tennis because a lot of my friends were and it seemed like fun," said Bryan. "You still have fun if even if you lose, that's why I like to play." photo by M. Norton

SWEETEE SEASON

Boys' tennis players had an unusual season due to downpours that caused many of their meets to be rained out and scheduled for another day



This year's April showers not only brought May flowers, but also many cancellations to the tennis season. "We always did a de-rain dance before meets," said junior Ted Christakos. "We also sang, 'Rain, rain, go away, don't come again another tennis meet day.' I was just kidding about the song, but we did meditate and eat pasta dinners before meets."

Rain and pasta alone do not stand out in players' minds for what was the most memorable part of the season. "To me the thing I remember most about the season was that I improved individually. Over the summer I got a summer pass at a tennis club and worked really hard," said junior Ben Wicks.

For every improvement on their game, the players also made a funny memory. "One day at practice (senior) Andy Johnson hit (junior) Jake Strohman in the face with a ball," said freshman Ramsey Midkiff.

"We always had a lot of fun together," said Strohman.

Varsity

5-5

With new experience added to the team, the players gained strength and skill. "This was my first time playing for a team," said freshman Martin Glennending. "I played with my dad and my sister a lot to be ready though."

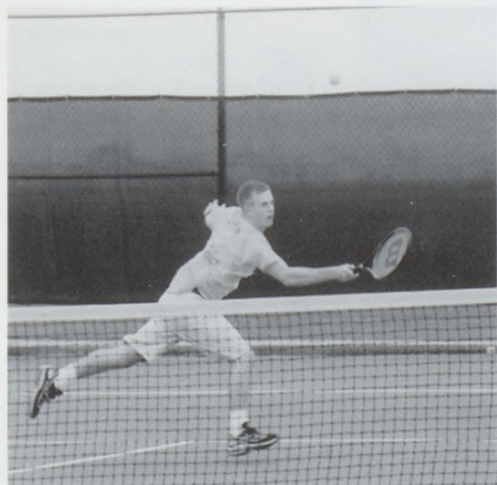
Many players got the chance to play in at least one varsity match. "The greatest thing for the season was when (junior) Cory Briggs and I played varsity and we won," said junior Ryan Burnley.

Junior Chris Lanpher was another new member on the team. "I decided to play tennis just for something to do in the spring," said Lanpher. "I had only played in P.E. before, but I only lost one match all year."

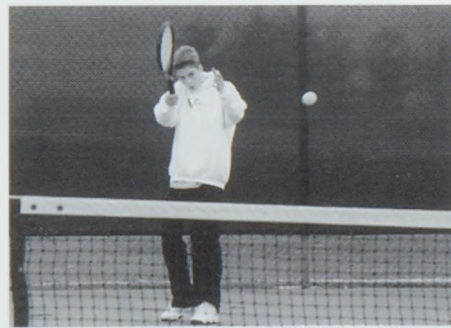
The skill the players gained helped their winning season and left them with many memories and good feelings of how things went. "I think we had a great season overall," said sophomore David Batchelder. "We all showed a lot of improvement and I think we have a lot of potential to become a better team."

Junior Varsity

5-3-1



Cleaning up. Loading his racket with tennis balls, freshman Kris Walters picks up after practice. "My favorite thing about tennis is the competitiveness and being part of a team," said Walters. "Plus, it is fun." photo by Tara McGowan



Reaching out. Preparing his shot, junior Nathan Kirkpatrick lines up the ball. "I play tennis because it's the best sport ever. Before meets I slap myself in the face to get pumped up while I yell at (junior) Ben Wicks," said Kirkpatrick. photo by M. Norton

"Brody Wells is
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- The DC girls



left to right: Nicole Frank, Michelle Norton, Jennifer Wiley, Jennifer White

STATE RUSH

The team won five regular season meets and sent eight people to state, but found the competition at conference and districts to be a higher caliber



Varsity

The varsity's winning season was not just attributed to the upperclassmen runners, like most sports. Many underclassmen ran in varsity meets. "The best part of the season was running varsity, because I got to meet more people that I would have never met before. It was a good experience," said freshman Jessica Madole.

Even though the team did well in regular season meets, it was challenged at conference and districts. "We had a really good season, but we didn't get to run against people in our conference. So when the big meets came up we had a whole new set of competition," said freshman Missy Iwig.

In spite of hard competition during districts, the team managed to send eight girls to the state meet in six different events. At the state meet two school records were set. One in the 4 X 800 relay and the other in the distance medley relay.



Pasta time. Freshman Lindsay Ruisch dishes up her spaghetti while freshman Jessica Madole waits for her turn. The pasta dinner was held at sophomore Sarah Smith's house before the conference meet. photo by Michelle Norton

Junior Varsity

With so many underclassmen running varsity, the junior varsity team was mostly made up of people who liked to run and were in it for fun. "The most fun part of the season was when some of the girls hung Lindsay Ruisch's (freshman) and my bras on this rock while we were running. It was really embarrassing and everyone was laughing at us," said freshman Kristen Foshe.

The strong varsity team gave JV members a good role model to look up. "I liked the JV and varsity meets that were together so we could all run at the same meet and watch each other. There were way more people at these meets, because the others were small," said freshman Elyse Green.

Dedication and hard work were also a part of the JV team. "I always just tried to beat my old time and improve. I wasn't very worried about the competition just as long as I did my best," said sophomore Lindsay Phillips.



Pushing forward. Curving around the bend, JV runner freshman Sarah Hobbs races to the end. "Since it was my first year running, I just tried my best and looked at my times, not the place I got," said Hobbs. photo by Michelle Norton



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• **Setting records**

- Finishing the last leg of the 4X800 meter relay, sophomore Sarah Kiester tries to keep her team in first place at the conference meet in Marshalltown. The 4X800 relay team broke the school record three times during the season ending with a best time at the state tournament of 9:46.64. "I was really happy with how I ran at state because I ran two of my personal bests and that was my goal for the meet," said Kiester.
- photo by Michelle Norton

High determination

Varsity freshman Kristen Chaney leaps over the hurdle during the 400 meter hurdles at the conference meet in Marshalltown. "I had fun hurdling throughout the season and I pushed myself to get the best time," said Chaney. photo by Michelle Rose Norton



• **Full force**

- Releasing the shot put with all her strength, sophomore Kari Bascall throws the ball during the conference meet at Marshalltown. "Whenever I do the shot put I just concentrate on where I want to put the ball and my form. Those are the keys for a good throw," said Bascall. photo by Michelle Norton

• **Warm up**

- Springing up, freshman Lindsey Way practices her form before taking her shot at the varsity long jump. Way's best jump was 14 feet and six inches. "I don't really like doing the long jump that much. I would rather do running events, like the sprint medley. But you do what the team needs you to do," said Way. photo by Michelle Norton

Upshot ::

- Iowa State Indoor
- Lamoni Indoor
- Boone Invitational, second
- Ballard Invitational, first
- Johnston Invitational, first

• Senior Lacey Corcoran received four gold medals in four events.

• The varsity team beat Perry for the first time in several years.

• **Bondurant - Farrar Invitational, first**

• Senior Rita Fiala hurt her knee while running. Fiala was out for the rest of the season, except for running in districts.

• **Drake Relays**

• Corcoran got 11th place in the discus with a throw of 110' 0.8."

• Fiala qualified, but could not run due to her knee injury.

• **Nevada Invitational, first**

• **Carlisle Invitational, first**

• **Hoover Invitational, rained out**

• **Districts, fourth**

• Senior Katie Weisz was district champ with a 5' 2" jump in the high jump.

• **CIML, fifth**

• Weisz was conference champion with a jump of 5' 2" in the high jump.

• **State, no place**

• Eight runners qualified for state.

• In the 800 meter run, senior Cindy Loffler placed 20th with a time of 2:25.59.

• The distance medley relay team placed 10th with a time of 4:18.10, setting a school record. The team consisted of freshman Lindsay Ruisch, junior Amy Young, Corcoran and sophomore Sarah Kiester.

• The 4 X 800 relay team placed 11th with a time of 9:46.64, setting a school record.

The team consisted of sophomores Sarah Smith and Kristin Way, Loffler and Kiester.

• Weisz placed 12th in the high jump with a five foot jump.

• Way placed 14th in the 400 meter dash with a time of 1:01.7

• The 4 X 400 meter relay of Young, Kiester, Corcoran and Way placed 13th with a time of 4:08.73.

• Corcoran placed seventh place in the discus with a throw of 118' 10."

• There were 38 runners on the team and 27 of them lettered.

• Two pasta dinners were held throughout the season.

• The banquet was held on June 3 at the high school.

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Our Year

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- ~ Small Fly

..... RIPPING IT UP

Despite contending with tougher competition, the varsity boys' track team excelled, winning five invationals and sending eleven to state

Varsity/Junior Varsity

Hard-earned accomplishments were molded not only by hard work and many grueling hours of practice, but also by personal goals and routines of each individual member.

"I wear two pairs of socks to school during the days of my meets in hopes that my legs will feel heavier. Then, I take them off and I feel lighter which helps me run faster," said junior Jonathan Hardy, who went to state.

While some were superstitious about their preparations, making sure they fulfilled each tradition in order to perform their best, others relied on a set focus to help them achieve their goals for the season.

"My main goal for this season was to run under 60 seconds in the hurdles," said sophomore Curtis Brown. "I knew this would take a lot of practice so I put everything I had into the meets and made sure I attended every practice so I could fulfill my goal."



Scary speculations. Indulging in his thoughts, junior Matt Skeens strides down the track. "While I run, I usually think about the tasty bean enchilada from lunch making an encore appearance," said Skeens. *photo by Michelle Norton*

Freshmen

Every team must have a motivation in order to strive to do their best. For the freshmen, a personal goal was set in order to give them a focus worth working for. This goal was to beat as many freshmen records as possible.

"Our goal was to see how many records we could break, even though we knew it would take a lot of time and hard work," said freshman David Remer. "We just wanted to get our names on the board."

The boys finished the season fulfilling more than their greatest expectations. "We ended up breaking four freshman records, which is more than we even imagined," said freshman Cory Bengston.

This great achievement could not have been accomplished without great teamwork and determination. "I was very impressed with how focused and determined these boys were," said coach George Sypniewski.



Footloose. Sitting on the side of the track, sophomore Eric Krofta gets ready to warm up. "I broke my foot, so my season got off to a slow start. It took a while to catch up to everyone," said Krofta. *photo by Michelle Norton*



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• **Forces of nature**

• Putting all of his strength into
• his shot, senior Brad Schwarz
• prepares to send the shotput off
• at the Drake Relays. "I didn't do
• well at Drake. It was my first
• time at the relays and I was pretty
• intimidated. It was a learning
• experience though," said
• Schwarz. "I scratched on my first
• throw because I didn't leave the
• ring with control. That shook
• me up a bit, but I learned a
• lesson." photo by Nicole Frank

Stretching it

Bending back, sophomore Ryan Johnson avoids hitting the bar. Johnson jumped 6'4" in order to qualify for state. "I'm surprised that we competed as well as we did to qualify in so many events at state," said Johnson. photo by Michelle Norton



• **Getting air**

• Lifting off from the ground, junior
• Brenden Huewe soars through his
• jump. Huewe not only participated
• in the long jump, but also the 100
• dash, 200 dash, 1600 medley and
• the 400 relay. "My season started
• off slow due to my recovery from
• knee surgery, but it gradually got
• better," said Huewe. photo by
• Michelle Norton

• **Around the corner**

• Cruising the curve, freshman
• Aaron Creger paces through the
• two-mile. "We tried to make a
• freshman record at each meet, so
• we would sit in a circle and get
• psyched before each race. We
• reminded each other that when it
• starts hurting, you need to kick it
• in harder," said Creger, who set
• freshman records in the 1600
• medley and the 1600 relay. photo
• by Michelle Norton

Upshot ::

- Iowa State University High School Classic, no score
- Johnston Invite, second
- Ankeny, fourth

• Sophomore Jared Haag placed second in the 110 meter high hurdles.

- Hoover Invite, first

• The 4X400 team won right at the finish line, marking one of the biggest wins against Urbandale.

- Urbandale, third

- Roosevelt Invite, first

• Senior John Good placed second in the 200 meter with a time of 24.30.

- Carlisle, first

• The 4X200 team of junior Scott Vermulm, senior Lance Routson, sophomore Bart Whipps and junior Joe Townsend placed first with time of 1:32.7.

- Drake Relays

• Senior Brad Schwarz qualified in shot put.
• Junior Quinn Sypniewski became the champion in the discus.

- Urbandale Invite, fourth

• Graduate Wade Hays' tradition of running with SNO, the 4X400 and 4X800 baton, was carried on this season. "Slow is not an option" was written on the baton, so it was later named SNO after the abbreviation.

- Johnston Invite, first

- Indianola Invite, third

• Sophomore Eric Krofta placed first in the 110 high hurdles.

- East Invite, first

- Conference, sixth

• The boys watched "Prefontaine: Without Limits" while taking a charter bus to Mason City. The movie served as an inspiration to the runners on board.

- State, did not place

• The State qualifiers included junior Sypniewski (discus), senior Schwarz (shotput), sophomore Ryan Johnson (high jump, 4X800), Good (400 lh, 4X400, 4X800), sophomore Bart Whipps (4X200, 4X400), Routson (4X200, 4X400), senior Shane Foster (4X400, 4X800), junior Jonathan Hardy (4X800), junior E.J. Runyan (wheelchair discus, 100 wheelchair, 200 wheelchair, 800 wheelchair), junior Cory Campbell (4X200) and Townsend (4X200).

• Alternates included juniors Marcus Iwig (4X800) and Jason Wheeler (4X200, 4X400).

• Runyan won all four of his events at state. He also set state records in all four.

• Sypniewski placed third in discus.

spread by Nicole Frank

★ ★ ★ ★ ★
Congratulations, Lance, Nick, Shane, Brad and John!
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Sneaking a piece

Tasting the newest installment of candy, senior Megan Evans checks the quality of it while working at the Merle Hay Mr. Bulky's. Evans worked two jobs, the other at a video store, to keep herself busy. *photo by Jennifer White*



Applying the green thumb

Watering a blooming plant, senior Holly Bidney takes care of one of her daily responsibilities at Nielsen's Flowers in West Des Moines. Bidney said, "I like my job because it's something I like to do. We don't get very busy unless it's around the time of a major holiday, like Valentine's Day or Mother's Day." *photo by Jennifer White*



A, B, C, D, E, F...

Alphabetizing a cartful of returned books, sophomore Faith Hall prepares to file them away on the shelves. Hall worked at the Urbandale Library after school and on a few weekends. *photo by Jennifer White*



Hardcore daycare friends

Taking a break from playing at the park, now-seniors Andy McGhay and Reid Davis pose for a picture. McGhay started attending Johnston schools in second grade and Davis started in fifth grade. *photo by Mary Davis*



Down-n-dirty

Rock-around-the-Clock group Artificially Flavored pose for a picture after finishing sliding through the chocolate sauce. *photo by Amelia Groetsch*



Spotless and vacant

Emptying out her locker, freshman BreeAnn Williams finishes up the year with a little spring cleaning. After the last final, the upstairs hallway was full of old papers, books and pop containers. *photo by Jennifer White*



..... **Silver or gold? Stone or not?**

Explaining to Herff Jones representative Marc Havnen what she would like her class ring to look like, freshman Valerie Sheeder hands over her deposit, while sophomore Katie Albrecht looks at some of her choices. *photo by Michelle Norton*

SCOPING OUT A SPOT

Reference Division

SPREAD BY JENNIFER WHITE



..... **Want some pickles on that?**

Fixing a customer's sandwich, sophomore Katie McLaughlin waits for their order. McLaughlin had been a sandwich artist at Johnston's Subway for nine months. *photo by Jennifer White*



..... **I'm outta here**

Receiving his key out of high school, senior Eric Thompson takes his diploma off school board vice-president Rebecca Heth's hands. Seniors had to shake at least two pairs of hands before exiting off the stage. *photo by Sarah Sauber*



..... **Smash 'em to bits**

Sorting empty pop cans, junior David Letcher prepares to condense the bottles and pop cans for the beverage companies at Dahl's. *photo by Sarah Straw*

Cindy Loffler



*Cindy,
Congratulations, princess. And
thanks for 17 years of joy, pride
and excitement. Continue to dream,
aim high and remember that our
love and support is unconditional.
Dad and Mom*

Jess Wagner

Congratulations, Jess! We
knew you could do it! We
love you and are so proud
of you! We know the future
holds great things for you!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Tiffany
and Noel



Josh Hildreth



Josh,
Eighteen years of good
and bad describes the
years with you we've
had. We wouldn't
trade one or the other
because that is you.
Our son and brother,
we love you more than
you will know.
Dad, Mom and
Shannon

A.J. Bilbrey



1984



1999

**Congratulations, A.J. We love you very much!
Dad, Mom, Kasi and Chester**

Alyssa Andrews



From the moment you were born, you've brought joy into our home. We've thrilled through all of your accomplishments, from "Miss 'Lyss" to "Miss Teen." We don't know what your next achievements will be, but we pray God will be in all the choices you make for your life to come. We love you so, Mom, Dad and Karissa

Brooke Music



Brooke,
You've always done the right thing at the important time in your life. You are now at the crossroads of a new beginning. We are very proud of you! The direction you have set for yourself is right and true. Let nothing get in the way of your goals and aspirations. Just being yourself can never disappoint us. We love you!
With all our love,
Mom and Dad

Jim Bird

Remember fighting over homework / school when you were little? Thank goodness you changed your attitude! I'm so proud of you!

I LOVE YOU!
Mom



Kristyn Knight



Congratulations! We are so proud of you, and lucky to have to have been blessed with you. All our love and best wishes in your next step in life, and everything there after. Dad, Mom and Daniel

Sarah Martin



Sarah,
"You now begin to leave childhood behind and start on the road to adulthood...you will establish definitely the type of person you will be the remaining fifty years of your lifetime. You know what is right and wrong, and we have confidence in your judgement...Don't be afraid of failure. Be more afraid of not trying...Take chances and risks - not foolhardy actions but actions which could result in failure, yet promise success and great reward. You have overcome hardships and temptations that envelop young people today." We are and have always been very proud of you. Love, Mom and Dad

Matt Kroeger

Congratulations, Matt!
We are so proud of you.
You bring so much joy
into our lives.

Love,
Dad, Mom, Chris and
Lindsey



Kelly Wilges



Congratulations,
Kelly! Always keep
smiling. We are
very proud of you.
May success be
yours all the way
through life.
Love,
Your family

"It's suppose to be hard. If it wasn't hard, everyone would do it. It's the hard that makes it great."

Jeny and Laura Lyons



Eighteen years has passed so quickly. Watching you grow and being a part of your lives has truly been a marvelous experience. You have blessed our lives. Thank you for all the joy and love you have given us. We are so proud of you. You have endured much but it has only made you stronger. Your strength shows in everything you do from academic to athletic achievements and from the goals and high standards you have set for yourselves personally. Congratulations. You are remarkable young ladies! May all your dreams come true.

Love, Mom and Andy

Ryan Hargens



CONGRATULATIONS, RYAN!!!

We are very proud of you and wish for you the very best. We know with your zest for life and your sense of humor, along with many other fine qualities, you have a very bright future ahead of you!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Carey and Mandy

Emily Haight



Emily
Congratulations to our Suncatcher!
We love you!
Mom and Dad

Megan Lehman

Megan,
Strive to achieve all that
you want, find happiness
in everything you do. Live
your world of dreams.
Remember always we love
you and are proud of you!
Dad, Mom, Chelsey and
Aaron



Look out world - here comes Megan!

Megan Evans



We love you
so very
much!
Mom, Dad
and Meri

Kendra Reames



*Kendra,
Be the best you can be!
Proud to be your parents!
Love,
Mom and Dad*

Rachel Bryant

*Dear Rachel Keene,
We are very proud of
you!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Ellen and
Taylor*



Leah Hoffschneider



*Leah,
You have made us
very proud.
Always follow
your dream.
We love you,
Mom, Dad and
Josh*



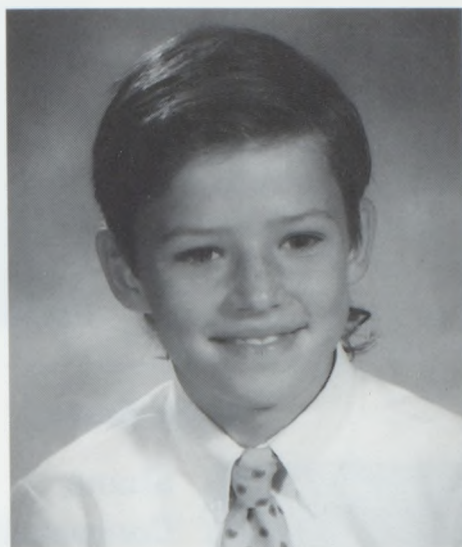
Justin Grissom



In the pages of our mind,
we turn back only a few short chapters
to find you in footie pajamas
Now you stand at Life's Door,
ready to embark on your great adventure.
Regardless of the paths that you take,
please know this:
You make our chests swell with pride.
Your friendship and love are among our most valued possessions.
To shield you along the way, we wish to offer these words of guidance,
"Spend your time wisely;
Be charitable to yourself when you stumble; and
Embrace those dear to you each day, as if it were your last."
Love, Mom and Dad

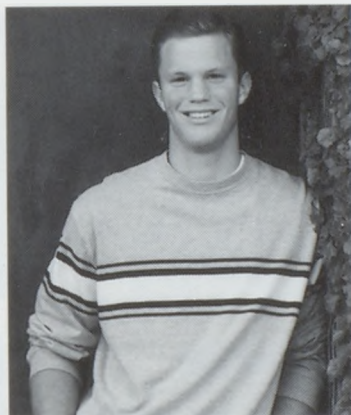
Justin,
Congratulations on your accomplishments in
high school. The friendship that we share is so
precious, and the time we have to spend
together is just as special. I hope that we get to
spend as much of that time together as
possible. You are a tremendous friend and
wonderful brother. I wish the best to you, and I
hope that you accomplish everything your heart
desires. Thank you for the memories, and I look
forward to sharing many more with you.
Love,
Trent

Jonathan Hudson Paul Foley



Congratulations! Today is your day. You're off to great places! You're off and away!
You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any
direction you choose.
You're on your way. And you know what you know. And YOU are the guy who'll decide
where you go. Dr Seuss

Nate Lynch



Justin Zortman



Congratulations,
Justin! We are
so proud of you!
The future is
yours. Love,
Mom, Dad,
Raquel, Tiffany
and Heather

Jennifer Gleason

*Jennifer,
The years have flown
by. It's been a delight
to watch you grow.
Gotta love that smile!
May God bless your
future.
Love,
Dad and Mom*



*Nate
From your first baby step when we held your hand
So many years have passed in such a short span.*

*Life will challenge and test you in so many ways
We will watch with confidence as you take each day.*

*Love,
Mom Dad and Jeff*

Nick Wylie



Congratulations, Nick!
We are very proud of you.
Follow your dreams and
help others along the way.
Love,
Mom, Dad & Nathan

Harold J. Simpson III

Jim-
We are very proud of you.
We know that whatever
you decide to do with your
future, you will be a
success.
Love you,
Dad & Mom



Shane Foster



Shane,
Congratulations! We
are so proud of
you!!!
We love you!
Dad, Mom, Travis &
Derek

Michelle Norton



also pictured Dan Norton, '02



Congratulations, Michelle!
You continue to amaze us with
your ambitions and
accomplishments. We are so
proud of you and wish you
success and happiness in
college and beyond.
Love,
Mom, Dad & Dan



Christina DeHamer



Issy BooBoo Dawn
DeHeemer-
We are so proud of the
person you've become.
Continue to set your goals
and standards high. We
know that you'll do well in
whatever you decide to
do.
Love, Dad & Mom

Renae Fuller

Renae,
We are so proud of
you and wish you
only the best for
the years ahead.
Love,
Dad & Mom



Brent Loss



"You have powers you
never dreamed of. You
can do things you never
thought you could do.
There are no limitations
in what you can do
except the limitations
in your own mind as to
what you cannot do.
Don't think you cannot
- Think you can!"

We are so proud of you. No parent
could ask for more than the
respect and love you show us. We
know you'll do great things. We
are fortunate to have you for a son.
Love, Mom & Dad

Shelly Sheldahl



Shelly,
What a great seventeen years to watch you grow
and change to become the fine young woman you
are today. Congratulations on all your
achievements throughout your school years. You
are a joy to me and I thank God for you.
Love, Mom

Shelly Ann-
So very much I love, respect & appreciate about you
including your wonderful sense of humor. It is one of
your greatest assets!!! Congratulations, Shelly! I
am so very proud of you!!
All of my love, Dad

Nick VanGundy



This is how it all began - you
and your first computer! We
are really proud of you, Nick.
Set your sights high and know
that we'll always be there.
Love, Mom, Dad & Jason

Daniel Echtenkamp



Daniel,
We're very proud of the young man that you've become and of what you have accomplished. We wish all of God's blessings for your future - the best part of life is ahead.
Love,
Mom & Dad

Katie Barnett



Dearest Katie,
Congratulations! We are so proud of you and all that you have accomplished. Watching you grow into a beautiful, talented young woman has been our greatest joy. In college and beyond, enjoy yourself and the wonderful opportunities that will come your way. Balance life's inevitable ups and downs with your delightful sense of humor and above all, don't forget to floss!
Love always,
Mom & Dad

Erin Derby



Our Dear Erin-
From Cabbage Patch Dolls to graduation,
Sharing in your life has been our celebration,
The years have gone by much too fast,
Now it's time to focus on the future and remember the past,
Good luck to you, Pookie, in making all your dreams come true,
You've made us so proud and we love you!
XO
CONGRATULATIONS!
Dad, Mom, Ryan, Logan & Daisy

Matt Reber



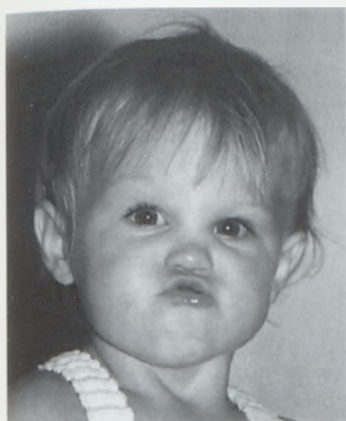
*We love you and we are so proud!
Always do your best and follow your heart!*
Love,
Mom & Dad

Maggie Marcucci



Maggie
Thank you for blessing your family with your pleasant spirit a sense of adventure and much love.
Congratulations!
Love Mom

Nicole Frank



Coley - Poo - Poo,

May you continue to touch people's lives with your humor and sensitivity. Stay focused on your path and always be the seeker of wisdom.

All our love,
Mom & Dad

Amy Stewart

Amy

You are the little girl we always wanted. You've been a true gift of God. Always full of energy and an impulsive spirit. You have been such fun to live with. You have a confidence in yourself that comes from the Lord's strength and He will enable you to always mount up on eagle's wings as you continue to wait on him. Isaiah 40:31

We love you Mimi!

Mom, Dad, Paul & Mark



Megan Sheeks



Congratulations, Meg!

We are so proud of you. Always keep your shining smile and sweet spirit. You have truly enriched our lives. Hugs and 'butterfly' kisses.

Love,
Dad & Mom

Dawn & Lance Routson



We were told "Double Trouble."

We found "Double Treasure."

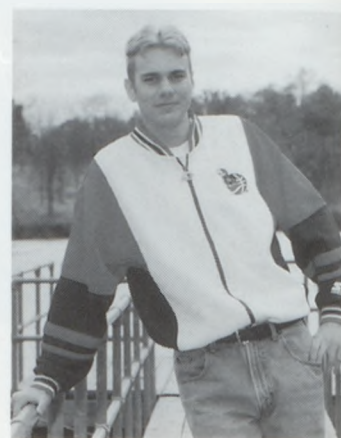
With love and pride,
Dad & Mom

Leslie McAtee



Leslie,
From year one you have been a true joy in
our lives. As you move on in your life
remember this: "Big Brother" is watching.
We love you!
Mom, Dad & Ed

Adam Lewis



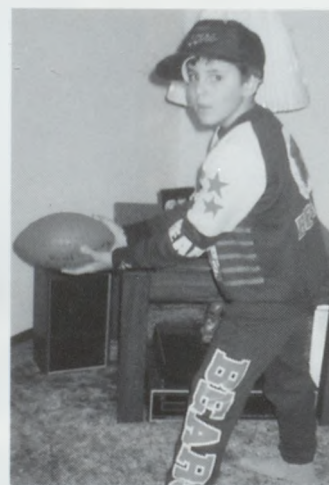
**We always have been and
always will be proud of you!
STRIVE TO BE YOUR BEST!
Love,
Mom, Dad,
Dan & Jordan**

Kim Bjornson



Kim,
Wherever you wander,
Wherever you roam,
Never forget that there's no place like
home!
We are proud of you!
Love,
Mom, Dad & Sara

Brad Schwarz



Son,
You are a special gift, loved in a special
way...
A source of pride and joy, that grows
deeper day by day.
Love forever,
Mom & Dad

Tanner Hockensmith



**It's a joy thinking back to
the boy you used to be...but
a greater joy thinking of the
man you've become!!!**

**Love,
Mom**

nice shoes... have
a nice glass... i
don't get it...
SPANKS... b

**It's all
laughs &
smiles
together!**



tara "t-dawg" mcgowan
deanne "cairo" danielson
amy "a-dawg" schoepf
anna "huh?" johnson
megan "sarah" webster
lindsey "l-train" kroeger (not pictured)

Holly Bidney

Dear Holly,
You are the last born but
we are as proud of you as
if you were first. As
always, we will be with you
in the days ahead as all
the wonderful things that will be yours come to you.
Congratulations! Your loving family,
Mom, Dad, Amy & Sarah



Lindsey Wilde



*Lindsey,
Congratulations! We are very proud of you. You have brought so much joy into our lives.
We love you,
Dad and Mom*

Cassie Christensen



Cassie

The years between kindergarten and now have gone by so quickly you have accomplished so much. The future is so lucky to have you as a part of it.

We love you
Mom and Dad

'Sup from the Masters of the the profession....can you call it a lab than people do at the jobs We all work at a place known as customer in every aisle. They are D.C., asking for outrageous being generous. However, with the "Foakleys" out of them for only bartering techniques. Might we newly purchased eyewear. They we took offensively 'cuz we Back in the lab, we were faulty computer equipment which evil little journalism kiddies. As if whines wasn't enough for us, we were then told to fix *our* problems so that they could get on with *their* work.

It wasn't all bad though. **Matt** found himself a "better" half during the winter break, who happened to be in yearbook and was one of the lesser complainers (it wasn't a choice - more like a lack of options =P) Although he was rarely seen doing anything in the lab, **Jake** managed to write his stories on the final night, making them sound as if he had actually wiped them off after pulling them out of his @\$\$.

Of the three, **Spence** did the most work (or so he claims). He became very spoiled after winning the funeral director's limo and going to prom in "style." **Matt** and his newly acquired better half a.k.a Melissa cashed in on their connections and, after much begging, were allowed into the limo. The original plan was to take in a savory meal at the House of Mouse a.k.a Chuck E. Cheese, but the females of the party rose up against us on that idea and we *changed* our reservations to Mondo's.



pictured Matt Ring, Spencer Wise & Jacob Reichling

Journalism Lab, the most sexist men in profession? We spend more time in the they enjoy. Speaking of jobs, ours stink! "Wynnsong 16," where there's a griping almost as annoying as the vendors in requests while believing that they were vendors, we charmed three pairs of \$20, with the help of **Jake's** amazing add that the ladies swooned over our compared us to the group 'N Sync, which consider ourselves straight.

criticized for the malfunctions of the was constantly tampered with by those the hassle of hearing their asanine



Sticky side down... Servus wie geht's? second seat, left... **MAD DOGS!** Where's my contact?!! **Vienna 3 a.m.** I'm NOT going in there! **Barbie's birthday...**



Two is enough! Too much fun for you! Ghetto hair... **Chalky energy tablets...** "studying for ACT's"... Hier Kommt die Maus! Keep in touch... **LOVE YA**



Melissa Miller "Dimples"
Michelle Collignon "Jell-O"
Amelia Groetsch "Bedelia"
Megan Stetson "Mehgz"

'N Sync...What's 5A?...Hair pods...The retard walk...Stop and Go Girls...Joker...Hot guys with flowers from Seattle...Ring's thing...Deadline dance parties...Mexican men...freakin' at Bugsy's...Pix of Jay-Z and Wyclef...Sell ads with me oh yeah...Sleepless nights in D.C...Fingernails...Rape, is a very common thing...Fubu...Girl Talk...Food fights at lunch...seeing pillow with no pillow case on...blue eye shadow...speaking and reading Japanese...Small ears, **BIG cone**...Gettin' jiggy wit' it...Too Close...run for the border...Pool parties...braided shoe hairs with beads...Puke stories...Dawson's Creek Club...Indian leg wrestling...Team Fence...Hair sound barrier...Horrifying Seattle homeless men...Shoe shots...10:30 at the ball park...Skinny dipping...and...**YEARBOOK!**

Stephanie Strack



Stephanie,
The Lord gave us a special gift when He brought into our lives. You mean more to us then you'll ever know. Your younger brothers have been greatly influenced by your positive example.

We love you!

Dad, Mom, Stephen and Matthew

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FALL PLAY - "OUR
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DRAMA CLASS -
PERIOD 2

SPRING PLAY - "CLOWNS"
MON/WED CAST



Casaundra Christensen, Sarah Meston, Dawn Routson, Elgida Radoncipi, Sara Harper. ROW 2. Michelle Cattoor, Eric Hansen, Carter Wasilewski, Natalie Baltzley, Tim Atkinson, Kevin Walters, Whitney Armstrong.



Elizabeth Croft, Julie Robertson, Jessi McMillen, Katie Barnett, Cory Curtis. ROW 2. Kristin Goering, Sarah Meston, Kelli Ryan, Becki McGrath, Renee Thoresen, Michelle Cattoor, Chaundra Smith. ROW 3. Tim Adkisson, Mandy Hargens, Adam Lewis, Dan Armstrong, Carter Wasilewski.

DRAMA CLASS -
PERIOD 5

SPRING PLAY - "CLOWNS"
TUES/THURS CAST



Kristin Demanett, Christine Ybarra, Amanda Sellers, Karolina Czerwinski. ROW 2. Katie Barnett, Ayrel Clark, Jarod Carl. ROW 3. Rod Serbus, Beka Haag, Anne Peterman, Steve Good, Aaron Atkinson.



Kristin Demanett, Dawn Routson, Kate Slusark. ROW 2. Jessica Henning, Julie Heffling, Jenny Holland, Elgida Radoncipi, Ryan Jamison. ROW 3. Marah Wiegel, Rod Serbus, Tim Atkinson, Sara Harper, James Willems, Kate Sorak.

DRAMA CLASS -
PERIOD 7

YEARBOOK



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WINTER CHEERLEADERS

DANZ TEAM



Andee Jo Houle, Amy Stewart, Meredith Calhoun, Emily Baker, Marie Bunce. ROW 2. Andrea Bean, Bridget Bond, Micaelahr Morrill, Ellen Dane, Janna McConnell. ROW 3. Erika Anthony, Angela Finestead, Megan Lehman, Allison Bunce, Lindsey Conway, Ashleigh Griffith.



Cody Lowman, Sean McAndrew, Royce Van Roekel, Eli Beirman. ROW 2. Tim House, Matt Herrmann, Aaron Madison, Jeremy Gannon, Grant Turner, Jason McKeever. ROW 3. Coach Frank Baltzley, Manager Nicole Jarchow, Chris Williams, Travis Pugh, Kris Campbell, Louis Friestad, Manager Michelle Fergesen, Coach Jerry Stratton, Coach Robb Boley. ROW 4. Nate Swoyer, Seth Arganbright, James Mundy, Adam Walz, Rod Serbus, Jon Lewton, John Ramsay.

WRESTLING

**JV/VARSITY GIRLS'
BASKETBALL**



Lacey Corcoran, Kirsten Frederick. ROW 2. Missy Iwig, Therese Arnott, Wendy Dennis, Jill Palensky, Natalie Grimm, Elgida Radoncipi, Melissa Ward, Nikki Thies. ROW 3. Coach Dan Petrak, Angela Jennings, Maggie Tews, Ashley Bengard, Kari Boscaljon, Lindsey Kroeger, Sarah Tuttle, Monica Inge, Lisa Doudna, Lindsay Sleep, Coach Justin Carlson.



James Bryan, Andy Briggs, Chris Dickey, Steve Rude, Joel Johnson, EJ Runyan. ROW 2. Coach Joel Rankin, Kyle Mertz, Andy Westcott, Jacob Strohmman, John Fiala, Jeff Robertson, Coach Jeff Simpson. ROW 3. Nate Lynch, Pat O'Hollearn, Andy Paine, Quinn Sypniewski, Andy Sundblad, Jonathan Hardy, Ryan Johnson.

**JV/VARSITY BOYS'
BASKETBALL**

**SOPHOMORE GIRLS'
BASKETBALL**



Sarah Kiester, Kristin Way. ROW 2. Lindsay Sleep, Missy Iwig, Lindsey Haag, Tarah Schultz. ROW 3. Emily Scholten, Sarah Smith, Coach Mark Muehlenthaler, Jami Shackelford, Valerie Lewis.



Mike Kunert, David Schnotala, Matt O'Hollearn, Ben Merrill, Eric Krofta, Chris Evans, Dan Lewis. ROW 2. Nathan Gerger, Jared Haag, Nathan Fry, Chris O'Hollearn, Mike Cameron, Aaron Meyer, Curtis Brown.

**SOPHOMORE BOYS'
BASKETBALL**

**FRESHMAN GIRLS'
BASKETBALL**



Natalie Baltzley, Lindsey Way, Lindsay Ruisch, Kat Kellogg, Jin Hu. ROW 2. Abby DeWitt, Leslie Ogren, Mary Kuster, Marissa Stetson, Kim Vanderkwaak, Danielle Katch, Cari Heffernan. ROW 3. Coach Beth Ward, Amy Dennis, Debbie Anderson, Amanda Yeggy, Elizabeth Guns, Jamie Lambert, Chelsey Lehman, Coach Rick Brooks.



Nick Miller, Robby Robinson, Jeff Lynch, Tyler Cate, Adam Frank, Tyler Weisz, Sam Musser, Michael Goellner. ROW 2. Tim Hilby, Jerry Arnold, Ryan Sandmann, Travis Foster, Josh Zamzow, Mark McLaughlin, Matt Walters, David Remer, Aaron Gray. ROW 3. Dan Rude, Greg Wardlow, Kevin Bjork, John Sparland, Zach Nelsen, Jon Doudna, Jason VanGundy, Walter Turturro, Kurt Albertson.

**FRESHMAN BOYS'
BASKETBALL**

VARSITY BOYS' SOCCER



Josten Foley, Curtis Dillon, Chris Dickey, Joel Siedenbug. ROW 2. Jon Foley, Josh Schonhorst, Pat O'Hollearn, Royce Van Roekel, Travis Anderson, Ben Wissink, Clint Meek, Kyle Campbell. ROW 3. Manager Sarah Meston, Mike Kunert, Matt Donaldson, Matt Herrmann, Shane Wilson, Brody Wells, Nic Scherer, Brady Jacobsen, Manager Heather Clarkson.

FRESHMAN BOYS' SOCCER



Nick Reed, Sean McAndrew, Luke Hukee. ROW 2. Ryan Sandmann, Shane Wilson, Nick Hasty, Matt Lunn, Claudio Saldana, Jayson Kempf, Matt Walters. ROW 3. Coach Jeff Hawkins, Dan Knight, Blake Siberz, Justin Cook, Adam Frank, Grant Turner, Alex Liewer, Manager Heather Clarkson.

JV BASEBALL



Andy Briggs, Dan Armstrong, Seth Elliott, Nick Wylie, Jason Schafer. ROW 2. John Good, Aaron Wych, Kyle Campbell, Chris Ceretti, John Parenza, Shane Foster.

JV BOYS' SOCCER



Shane Wilson, Royce Van Roekel, Shane Behanish. ROW 2. Robbie Burnett, Chris O'Hollearn, Brad Paul, Mike Cameron, Nathan Schaad, Jon Muecke. ROW 3. Matt O'Hollearn, Chris Evans, Manager Heather Clarkson, Ryan Hyde, Nick Hansen.

GIRLS' GOLF



Erin Derby, Jenna Peitzman, Libby Hietbrink, Angela Jennings, Erin Hansen, Tara McGowan, Deanne Danielson. ROW 2. Ashley Vanderpool, Molly Ehm, Abby DeWitt, Sarah Whitten, Anne Giusto, Melissa Miller, Cathy Partington.

VARSITY BASEBALL



Ben Lawyer, Andy Westcott, Shawn Heuss, Derek Kim, Brent Whipps, Jason Timmons, Chris Dickey, Lance Routson. ROW 2. Tim Hartschen, Adam Neiting, Kyle Campbell, Brad Schwarz, Nick Parenza, Brad Sewell, Kyle Mertz, Tim Walker.

GIRLS' TRACK



Monica Inge, Kristin Foshe, Sarah Warner, Micaelah Morrill, Dawn Warner, Jessi Madole, Jessi Reece, Rita Fiala, Michelle Norton. ROW 2. Emily Scholten, Cindy Loffler, Kelly Andersen, Lindsey Way, Anne Waller, Amy Young, Sarah Kiester, Kristin Way, Kristin Chaney, Leslie Ogren. ROW 3. Coach Rick Rynning, Courtney Douglas, Elyse Green, Lindsay Phillips, Felisa Hansen, Debbie Anderson, Kelli Ryan, Kari Boscaljon, Victoria Brenton, Katie Weisz, Lacey Corcoran, Sarah Smith, Missy Iwig, Danielle Beery, Sarah Hobbs, Jessica Hainline, Coach Craig Oldham, Coach Matt Hill.

BOYS' TRACK



Jason Wheeler, Aaron Creger, Aaron Gray, Nathan Fry, Bart Whipps, Shane Foster, David Remer, Nick Wylie, Andrew Czapia, Adam Twedt, Chris Uchytel. ROW 2. Steve Rude, Kai Carlson, Curt Brown, Mike Thompson, Brett Carlson, Jacob Bottoms, Chris Goode, Mike Porter, Cory Campbell, Joel Johnson, Lance Routson, Michael Goellner, Brian Burpee, Joe Townsend, Canyon Atwood, E.J. Runyan, Scott Vermulm, Coach Gary Auxier. ROW 3. Coach Chris Webner, Jeremy VanOort, Coach Dave Beason, Brenden Huewe, Jonathan Hardy, Jeff Lynch, Matt Skeens, Marcus Iwig, Cory Bengston, Brad Thompson, Kurt Albertson, John Good, Quinn Sypniewski, Brad Schwarz, Jared Haag, Eric Krofta, Aaron Meyer, Ryan Johnson, Robby Robinson, Jeff French, Sam Wang, Coach George Sypniewski.

GIRLS' TENNIS



Jill Palensky, Laura Skow, Molly Langwith, Wendy Dennis. ROW 2. Coach Shawn Holmes, Andrea Glendenning, Sarah Morris, Amy Palmer, Amanda Midkiff, Kelly Wilges, Coach Brad Buchan. ROW 3. Kate Winzenburg, Lindsey Conway, Wendy Palensky, Heather Schmidt, Sarah Skinner, Shelly Sheldahl, Emma Stone. ROW 4. Mary Winzenburg, Sarah Sauber, Ellen Schoville, Amanda Touch, Lindsey Haag, Bailey Hufford, Danielle Markel, Sadie Braune. ROW 5. Tera Verrant, Stephanie Bracelin, Kristen Kirkpatrick, Jackie Huisman, Anjana Rao, Elizabeth Guns, Rina Strenge, Tara Ely.

BOYS' TENNIS



Kris Walters, John Sparland, Jon Doudna, James Burnley, Ramsey Midkiff, John Fiala. ROW 2. Ben Wicks, Ryan Burnley, Jacob Strohmman, Ted Christakos, Andy Paine, Reed Baessler. ROW 3. Cory Briggs, Nate Butzen, Andy Westcott, Andy Briggs, Dustin Simmerman.

JV SOFTBALL



Alycia Comer, Emily Jamison, Shelley Jones, Suzie Shroyer, Jessi Reece, Anne Waller, Laura Lyons, Amie Bobst. ROW 2. Jessi Henning, Nicole Grimm, Kim Bjornson, Julie Heffling, Katie Keck, Nikki Thies, Monica Inge, Libby Hietbrink.

VARSITY SOFTBALL



Alycia Comer, Kelly Clarkson, Heidi Kiester, Kelli Brown, Kate Vocelka, Shelley Jones. ROW 2. Emily Jamison, Katie Keck, Melissa Ward, Nikki Thies, Angela Jennings, Anne Waller. ROW 3. Jeny Lyons, Rachel Bryant, Lacey Corcoran, Monica Inge, Laura Lyons, Libby Hietbrink.

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ABORTION OR LIFE?



drawing by Gavin Kucera

"Abortion should be allowed only in the cases of rape or if the mother is at risk."

- Robert Calland, '00

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pictured: Jessi McMillen

"I can only use my cell phone for emergencies because my parents say it costs too much to use it any other time."

- Anna Johnson, '01

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pictured: Ryan Hargens

"I like cars better because they are more stylish and they provide more passenger room."

- Andy Bro, '00

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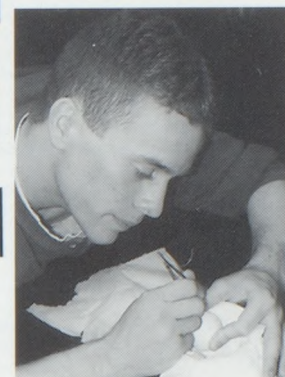


pictured: sight of a blind person

"I'd rather be blind because I couldn't see but I could still listen to all that punk rawk music."

-Mark Milburn, '02

EGG OR CHICKEN?



pictured: Joel Ashby

"Chickens; where would the eggs come from? Something needed to sit on them to hatch them."

- Sara Harper, '99

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pictured: Pat O'Holleam

"Football is physically tougher, but soccer is takes more skill and technique to play."

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pictured: Jon Lewton and Brian Huff

"I believe that girls are better at volleyball because girls are more agile on their feet than boys are."
 - Nikki Thies, '00

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pictured: Missy Iwig

"I always notice the body of a girl first because I never look at anyone in the face right away."
 - Brad Schwarz, '99

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pictured: Abbie Onken

"Ice cream tastes way better, but it's too cold and I like cookies, cake and brownies much better."
 - Monica Miller, '01

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pictured: Chris Williams

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pictured: Jeny Lyons and Dan Johnson

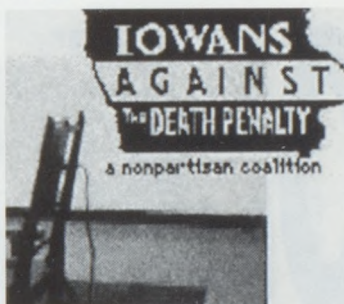
"I would rather worship a queen rather than a king because I would only bow down to a woman."

- Amber Gillotti, '01

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"The death penalty is a good idea because it keeps dangerous criminals off the streets."

- Kim Holt, '01

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pictured: Hannah Cline and Molly Langwith

"McDonalds, because I enjoy playing with the balls in the play area."

- Sara Bjornson, '01

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pictured: Adidas shoes

"Adidas because they highly promote soccer and I would rather wear stripes than a swoosh."
- Kristin Demanett, '01

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pictured: Sarah Martin and Megan Lehman

"I like lakes better because oceans have sharks and other creatures and sharks that are scary."
- Lindsey Haag, '01

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pictured: Randy Palmer

"I like PC's because they are more compatible with games and simpler to use."
- Aaron Frasier, '00.

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pictured: Zach Parsons

"I go to Van Dees because they have the peanut butter crunch blitz which I can't get anywhere else."
- Zach Parsons, '99

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pictured: Joe Smeltzer

"When I lived in North Carolina, they called it soda. Here they call it pop. I usually just call it pop."
- Mary Selena, '02

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pictured: Ryan McNeerney

"I sleep on the right side because the left side is next to the wall and I'm afraid I will roll over and hit my head."
- A.J. Houle, '00

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pictured: Victoria Brenton

"No more than five miles an hour over for me, unless I know the cops aren't around."

- Emily Garrett, '00

TOP OR BOTTOM?



pictured: Erin Derby and Ben Wisink

"I like the top bunk because Peter Brady slept on the top and he's cool."

- John Fiala, '00

ALLEY WEST OR MERLE HAY?



pictured: Anne Guisto

"I like Valley West mall. I haven't been there too much, but I think the stores are bigger."

- Andrea Glendenning, '00

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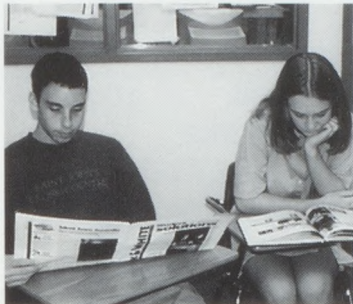
pictured: Jen Wiley and Jen White

"Wiley always walks around in crazy clothes and such, but White is always crazy mentally."
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pictured: Marcus Iwig and Alyssa Ranney

"Yearbook is better because people that are in newspaper are weird."

-Sarah Sauber, '01

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ZOOTSUIT OR TUX?



pictured: J. Bass, B. Tucker, T. Rives, D. Myers, A. Tillman

"I like zootsuits better because they have longer coats, chains and a hat."

-Brady Jacobsen, '00

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Mohawk madness

Emerging from a cloud of Rave hairspray, senior Phil Gauthier waits for his spikes to dry. Once Gauthier's hair was completely dry, the spikes measured eight-and-a-half inches from the scalp. This sort of self-expression caused an UPROAR in the school and Gauthier was asked by the administration to not sport this hairstyle again. photo by Jennifer White

Uproar

UPROAR

...After

waking up from our naps, we were shoved into homerooms on early out days and told we needed to bond with our peers. We also followed a shortened schedule on problem solving days which were used to devise a solution to the parking lot problem.

Both teachers and students were left asking questions about why we needed to problem solve. But one of the loudest UPROARs came courtesy of the lunchroom. Someone called and reported a bomb in the cafeteria. The main office announced through the intercom that "the city inspector was here to check the emergency lighting." This was the secret code for a serious disruption. Although the "bomb" didn't exist or create any smoke, the fire that erupted in the laundry room did. A faulty wire ignited and filled the north side of the school with smoke. The fire started at night, so no one was hurt. Another upheaval was adjusting to a new principal, Mr. Bruce Hukee. Adjustment was also necessary because several teachers decided to leave toward the end of the year. Some left because they were about to become parents, others because they were going back to school and still others because they couldn't handle teaching.

Regardless of the UPROAR, one could assume that a JHS student was behind it...

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AWARDS**
the '97-'98
yearbook, Go Figure!
won over the past
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Press Association at
the fall conference in
Washington, D.C.

Stetson airlines to control tower
Flying off the countertop, junior
Megan Stetson attempts to relieve
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deadline in class. Stetson
pretended to be an airplane
landing on the pad (couch)
several times to get the best
distance and most spring out of
the couch. *photo by Melissa Miller*

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All-American rating
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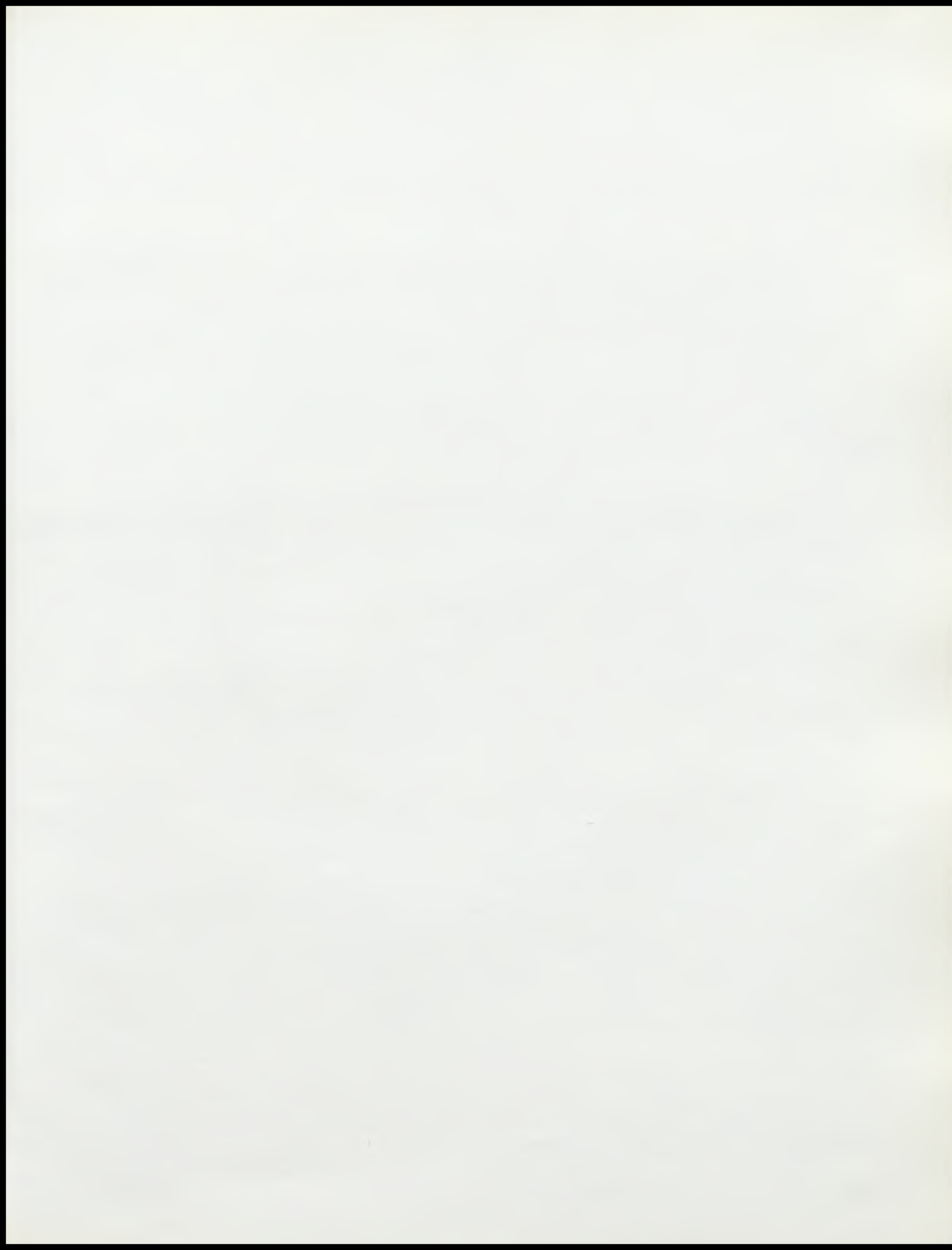
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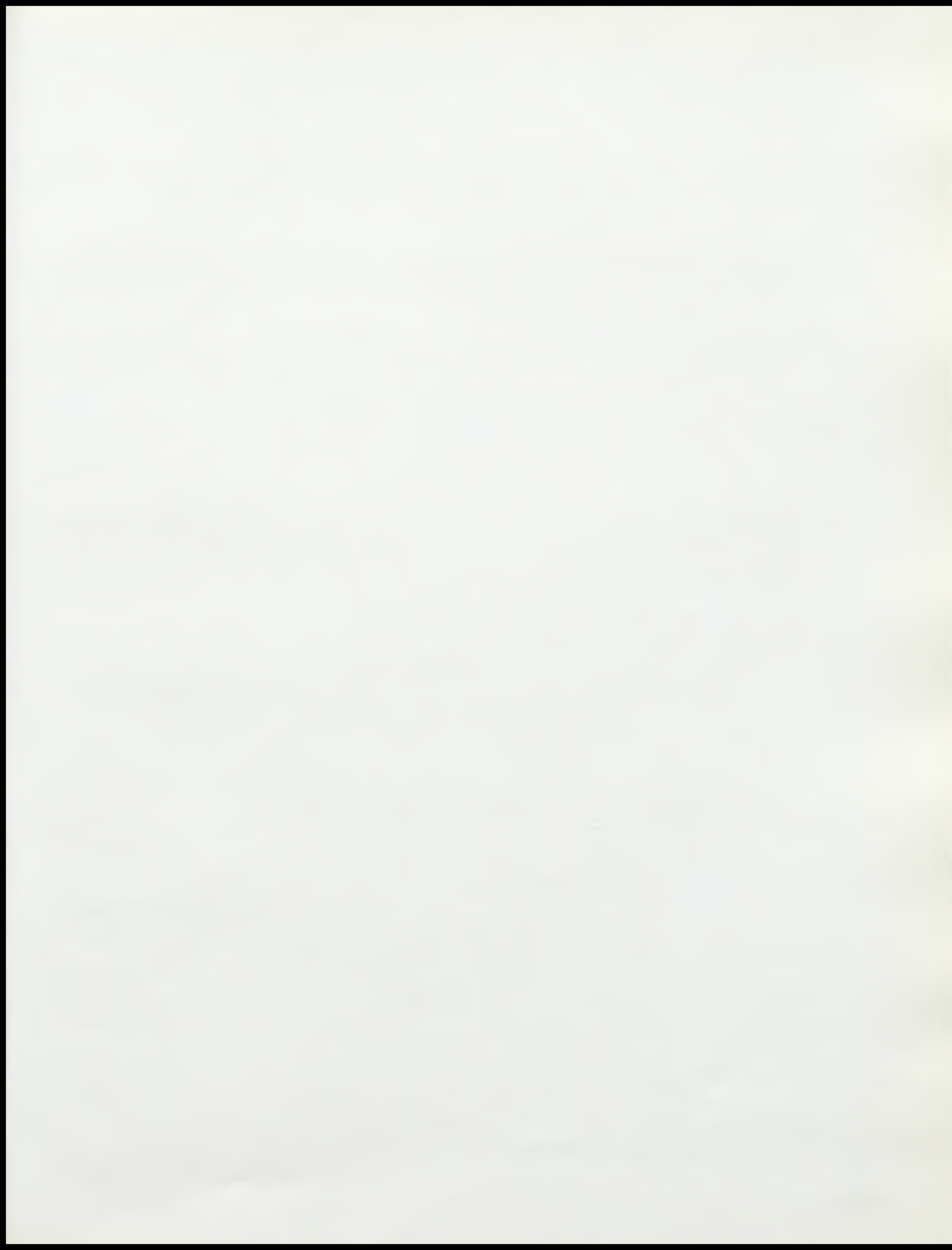
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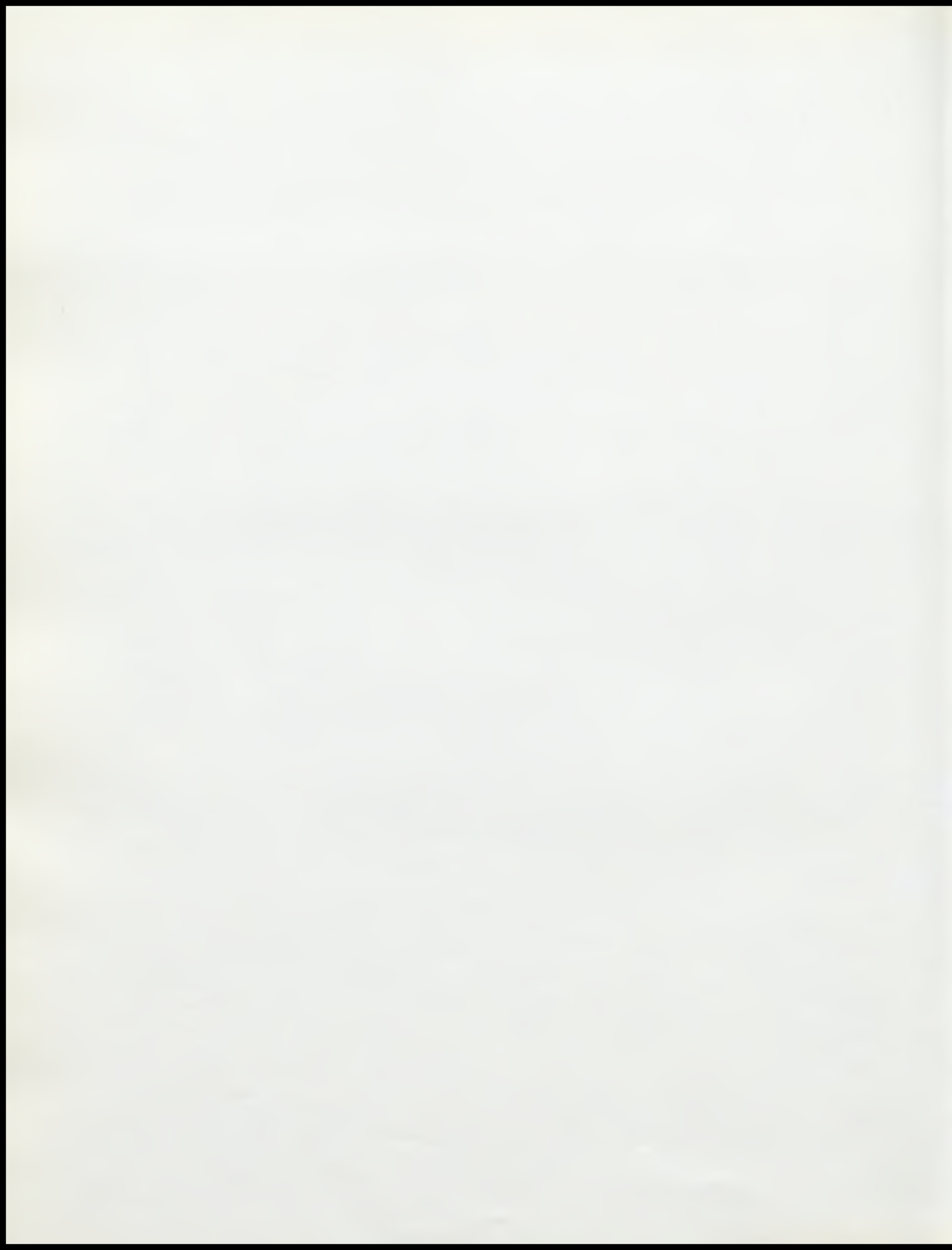
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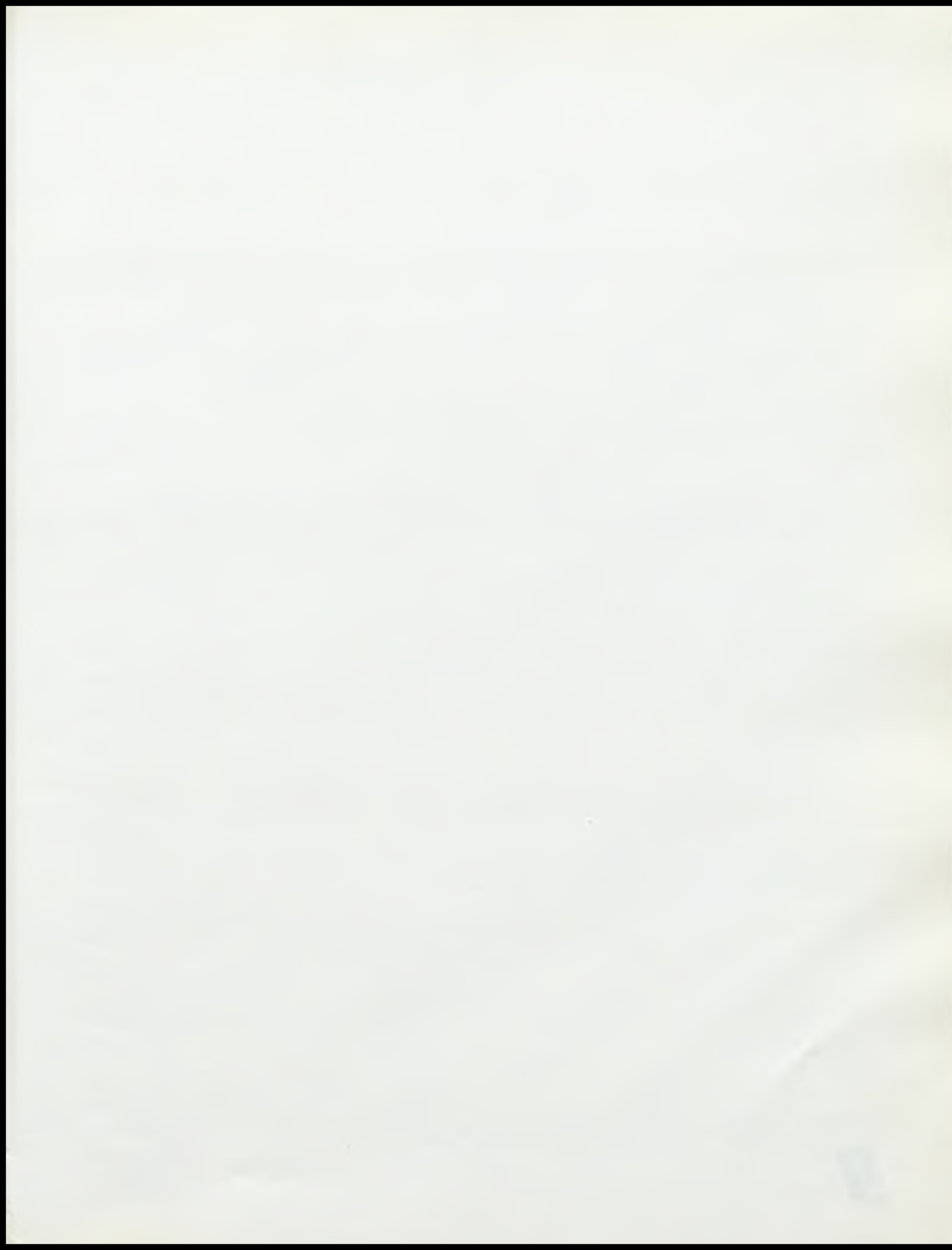
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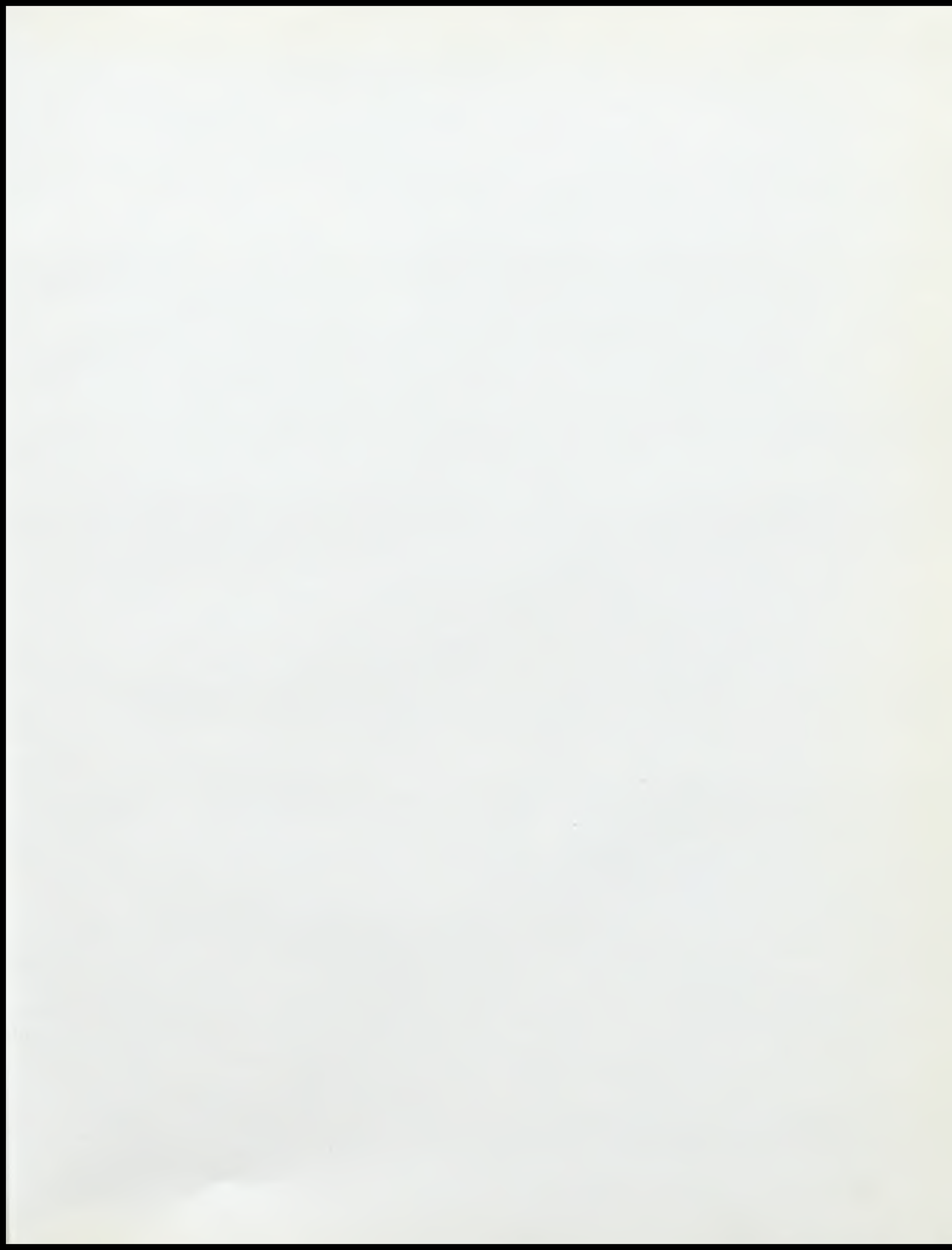












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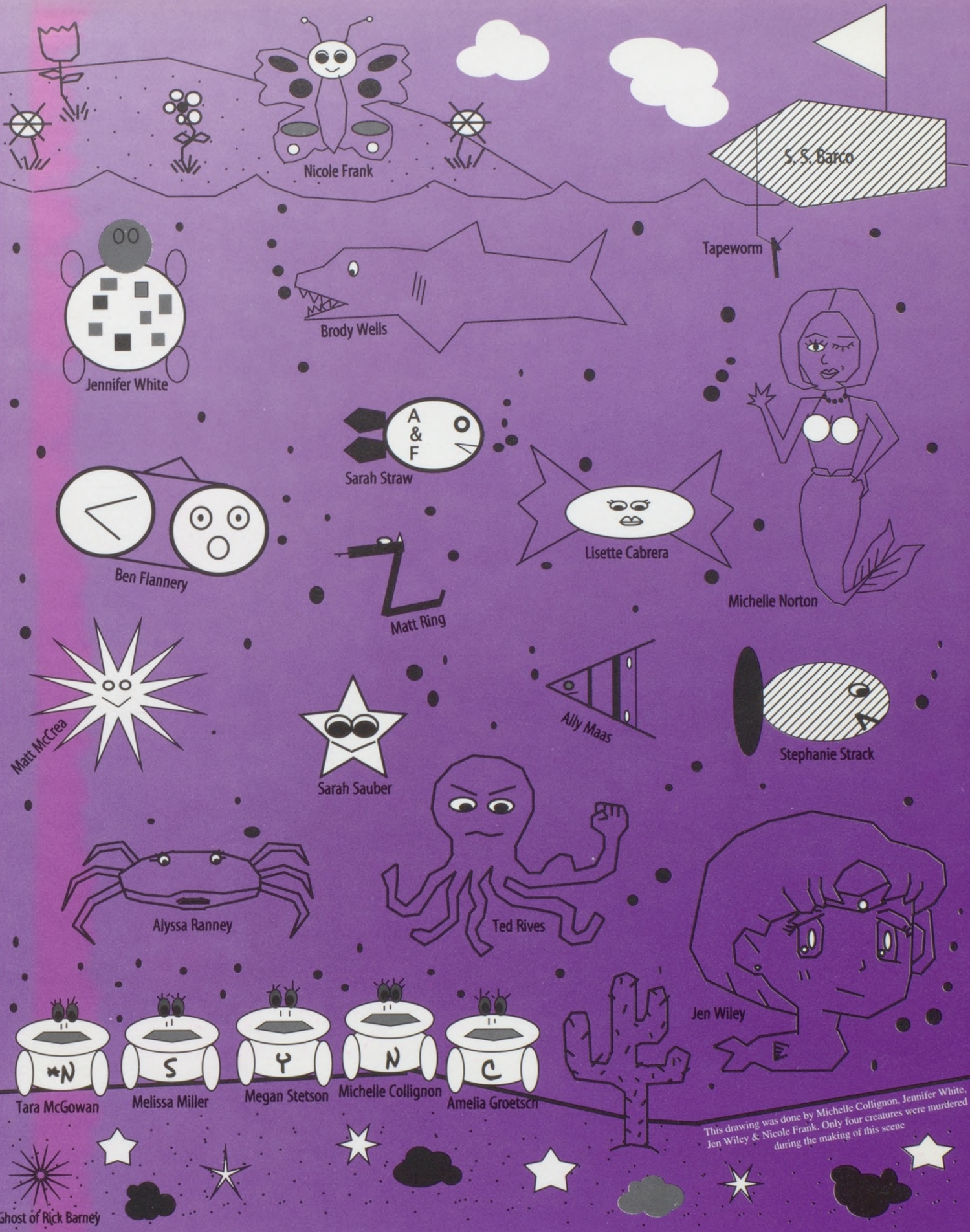
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This is the Johnston High School yearbook, volume 52. Herff Jones printed 769 copies of these books for us, so we sent away our finished product to 6015 Travis Lane, Shawnee Mission, KS, 66201. We sold the book for \$32 w/o your name (monogramming) or \$36 w/ your li'l name printed on it. Yes, we may have hounded you day & night, confronted your parents at conferences or called your house, but you still bought one of these bad boys. After weeks & weeks of grueling discussions (sorry, Team Pen15), we argued about a variety of themes until finally agreeing on Norton's "Causing an Uproar" idea. This theme was chosen because of all that's oh so new this year, like block-scheduling, moving up in the world in the sports stuff and our brand spankin' new principal, Mr. Hukee. Nobody was sure if it would "Cause an Uproar" in the school or not. The cover and endsheets (done by Willey & White) contained the fonts j.d. & Myriad Tilt, not including the 22 background fonts. Copy fonts included Book Antiqua, Palma Black SSi & Footlight MT Light. Headline fonts, in no certain order, included Augie, Ransom Group Antique Plain & Big Fish (phish) Emsemble. Don't try to copy anything in this book (it might blow up in your face) 'cuz it's all copyrighted. Pictures were taken mainly by the staff & those not on staff have been named. The "Art Explosion" clipart book was used for those funky li'l cliparts in the headlines & side bars.

Thanx!-

Big stuffin' "thank you" to the tornado for destroying our computers by raining on them; Mrs. Babcock for helping clean them; Dr. Kinder for the zip disk set-up; Paul for helping us with our "interesting" new ideas (oh yeah, can't forget that candy!); Mrs. Koth for her key & staying after school to "babysit" us while Shipp was sick; Dr. Casey & the tech cadre for helping us with the money for our scanner and zip disk; also to the janitors for ignoring our loud music; our messy "second" home and our new green carpet, provided by former yearbookie David Ring, which replaced our deteriorating, reddish-pink carpet, which we sent to a happier place; and lastly a BIG shoutout to y'all-students, staff & adminstration-for letting us track you down & record your life. Can you tell me how to get to...62nd Avenue?



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